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Wellington Farm, USA held its second annual Free Fair on Saturday. Visitors were allowed to tour the farm park without paying admission, took in a softball game between the Wellington Farmers and the TV 9 & 10 All Stars, saw a steam powered sawmill and hay trasher in operation and took part in hands on activities. Left, Wellington Farm, USA volunteer Monte Bidwell helps Cory Williams, 6, of Manton, make a piece of rope. Above, Kaylr Ferrara, 3, of Roscommon, has fun operating the corn sheller at the farm park.

Small tax hike ahead for forest land

by Chris Jackett
Capitol News Service

A bill moving through the Legislature would increase forestry taxes, but foresters say it's a win-win situation.

A measure recently approved by the Senate and forwarded to Gov. Jennifer Granholm would increase commercial forest tax rates from \$1.10 to \$1.20 per acre over the next five years starting in January. After 2012, the taxes would increase 5 cents every five years.

"The increase isn't a back-breaking tax burden," said Bryce Metcalfe, a consulting forester with Metcalfe Forestry Co. in Grayling. "It's not too bad, considering it could've been \$40 per acre per year. Right now, it's quite a bargain for land owners."

Cara Boucher, manager of forest resources in the Department of Natural Resources, said that the laws and regulations have gone unchanged since 1994.

"Overall, we at the department have been concerned for a number of years that this statute needed to be updated," Boucher said. "There needed to be some revisions."

"I think we'll be working with legislators, and the governor doing those kind of things."

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Grayling teen honored as Rookie of the Year paddler

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

An up and coming paddler has been recognized by his peers for his performance in the recent canoe racing season.

Dave Lawe, 16, recently received the Rookie of the Year trophy from the Michigan Canoe Racing Association's (MCRA) Board of Directors.

The traveling rookie of the year trophy has been awarded for the last 30 years and includes some notable names in the canoe racing fraternity.

Earning the recognition is based on points received during the season, overall place achieved in the races and improvement during the season.

"Dave was really tickled to get the trophy," said Cheryl Lucey, the secretary for MCRA Board of Directors. "He loves paddling and will be one of next great racers - he's just got to get his patience down."

Lawe was the youngest person to compete in the AuSable Canoe River Marathon. Lawe was partnered with Alex Donaldson, 18, of Grayling. They made it half way through the race, stopping at the 4001 Bridge because Donaldson was suffering from back spasms.

Lawe, who is out on the river nearly every day during the canoe season, and a couple times

a week during the off season, says he enjoys viewing the wildlife and being part of serenity on the water.

"You're in a different state of mind, and you're just not worrying about anything" he said.

Canoeing is a family tradition in the Lawe family. His father, Bob Lawe, has competed in races and worked at local canoe liveries to be close to the racing scene.

"It's great to see Dave recognized and to see him up there racing with the pros," Bob said.

Dave plans to get his brother, Rob Lawe, back in the canoe for the AuSable River Canoe Marathon once he receives his law degree from Cooley Law School.

"Hopefully, I can con him into it," Dave said.

Mo Harwood, who received the Rookie of the Year award in 1995, was pleased to see Lawe recognized for his hard work.

"It definitely shows that he's putting in the time - and he does - because I see him out on the river all the time," Harwood said.

Rod and Ryan Halstead received the Rookie of the Year award in 2003.

"Hopefully, this will open up some doors for him so he can keep canoeing and become one of the elite paddlers, too," Ryan Halstead said.

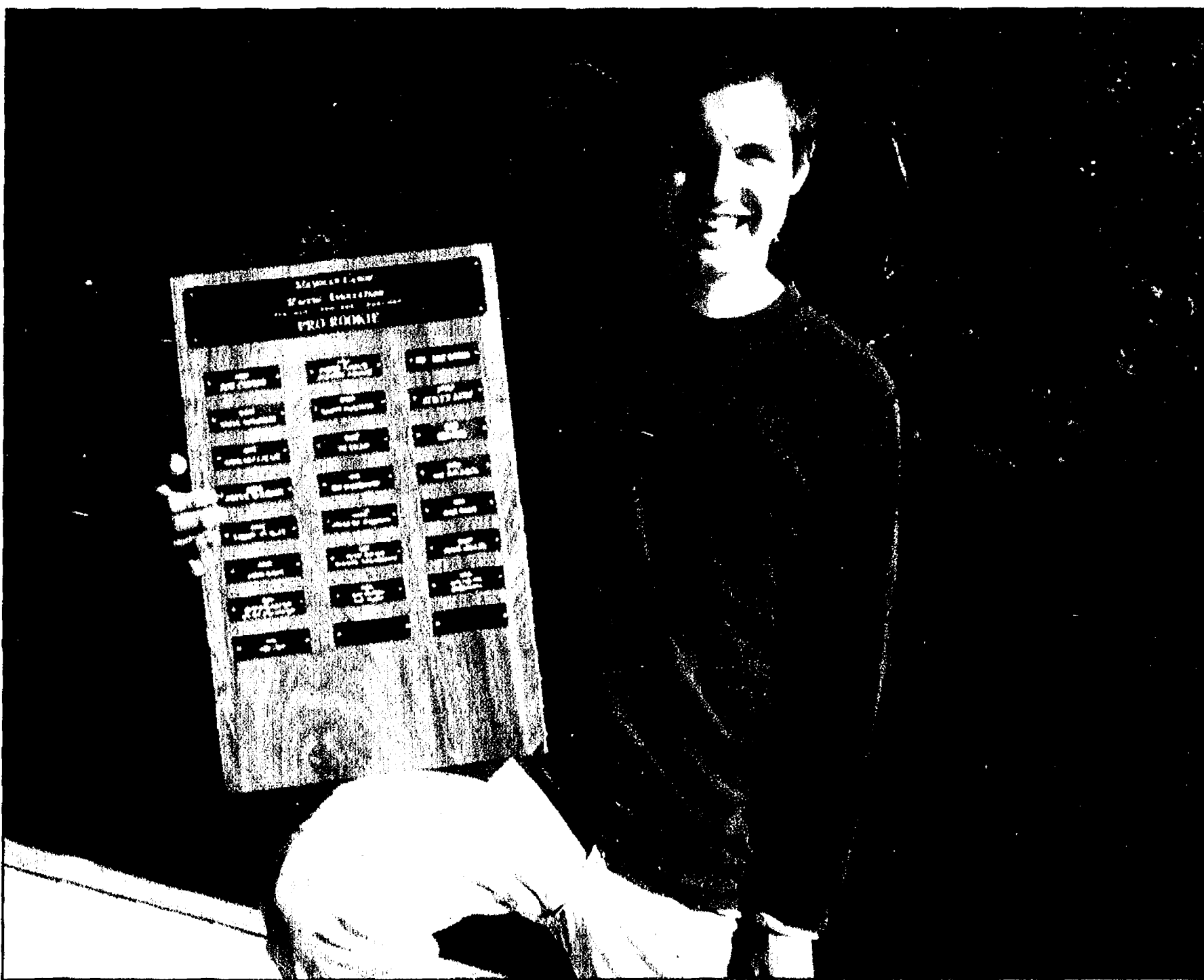


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The Free Fair held at Wellington Farm Park on Saturday included a variety of displays and entertainment. Left, Bob Hausler of Saginaw and Betsy Lee Welter of Tawas perform on the main stage at the farm park. Right, Wellington Farm Park volunteer Barnie Geers, from McBain, pitches straw on the steam operated thrasher.

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Songwriter in Grayling for collaboration

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A prolific producer, guitarist and songwriter who helped put several popular artists on the map in the 1970s was in Grayling last week to collaborate on a project.

Dick Wagner, who wrote songs for such artist as Alice Cooper and Lou Reed, laid down guitar tracks on albums for rock giants Aerosmith and Kiss, was at Dharma Music last week for a recording project.

Wagner's involvement in the Michigan music scene dates back to 1964, when he formed the popular band The Bossmen. He later went out to form the band "The Frost," which recorded three albums, built up a substantial following and inspired acts such as Ted Nugent, Bob Seger and Grand Funk Railroad.

After disbanding The Frost and relocating to New York, Wagner became acquainted with renowned producer Bob Ezrin. Their collaboration led to Wagner becoming a member of Alice Cooper's band. Wagner co-wrote songs which became Cooper's biggest chart hits, including "Only Women Bleed" and "Welcome to My Nightmare."

In the 1980s, after touring the world, Wagner settled down and started writing songs with a more personal and spiritual focus. He wrote the song, "Remember the Child" which illustrates the ills of child abuse. The song was commissioned by the San Antonio Commission on Child Abuse. Author lecturer John Bradshaw discovered the song and chose to use it as the theme for the Emmy nominated



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PBS special "Homecoming"

Currently, Wagner operates a management and production company called Desert Dreams. The company is currently promoting an artist called Miss Wednesday

"The response we're getting for her has been tremendous, so we're getting off to a very good start," Wagner said.

Wagner was at Dharma Music last week, recording a song for his friend, Mary Ann Reynolds-Burt of Saginaw. Burt operates

a website called, in purplelight.com, which includes a collection of spiritual based poetry and prose. The song, "Dancing in the Purple Light," which was written by Wagner and performed by his band, Dick Wagner and the Souls Journey band, will be released on a CD with some of Burt's poetry. Burt ran the fan club for the Bossmen, and has been involved in business ventures with Wagner.

"We're all one big family," Wagner said.

Al Bondar, co-owner of Dharma Music, is a member of Dick Wagner and the Souls Journey Band.

Bondar followed Wagner back when he was with the Frost.

"At that point in time, Dick was an icon to me and I was just a fan," Bondar said.

Bondar lost track of Wagner over the years. The two struck up a friendship in the early 1990s at

guitar clinics Wagner taught in Saginaw.

Bondar exchanged music with Wagner, which eventually led to his invitation to be part of the Souls Journey Band.

"A lot of my stuff sounded like his, because I was following in his footsteps, Bondar said.

Wagner praised Bondar for his talents and recording facility.

"He goes out of his way to be part of my band and I just love the guy," Wagner said.

Wagner relocated to Phoenix about a year ago, and has been getting used to the 100-plus degree weather, so the recent chilly spell was a welcome change.

"I get here and it starts to rain and get cold, but I lived in Michigan for many, many years so I'm used to it," he said.

Alice Cooper also lives in Phoenix. Wagner and Cooper have been collaborating on songs for Cooper's next album.

High School band director resigns

The Grayling High School band teacher has resigned from his position.

Matthew Reed, who has been the high school band director for just over a year, submitted his letter of resignation to district administrators on Friday. The resignation became effective on Monday.

"He resigned for personal reasons and we have accepted his resignation," Crawford AuSable Schools Superintendent Joe Powers said. "We are parting ways and are moving forward."

The district will post the position with plans to hire a new band director as soon as possible, Powers said.

Reed could not be reached by the Crawford County Avalanche for comment.

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The Roscommon Circle Square Dance Club meets from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Monday at the Roscommon Elementary School from September through June. The club holds dances at the Community Recreation and Fitness Center in Roscommon every other Thursday.

Photos by Dan Sanderson

Square dance club seeks new members

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

For the two dozen members of the Roscommon Circle Square Dance Club, dosado and turn your partner are synonymous with reminiscing, good exercise and a darn good time.

The Roscommon Circle Square Dance Club meets from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Mondays at the Roscommon Elementary

School from September through June. The club holds dances at the Community Recreation and Fitness Center in Roscommon every other Thursday.

The group encourages new members to learn or reintroduce themselves to the American square dancing tradition.

New comers who join the group in the fall have enough experience under their belts to

take part in dances regularly held in Roscommon, Cadillac and Gaylord by the holiday season.

"It's rewarding and everyone that's here has been doing it for quite awhile," said Gary Crane of Grayling.

New members are still being accepted to the group for the current square dancing season.

"As people get older, they physically can't do it anymore so we need to bring some new members in," Crane said.

Along with taking part in lessons and organized dances, the club also entertains seniors at senior homes and teach square dancing to fourth graders in Roscommon.

"They dance for us, we dance for them and then we all dance together," Crane said.

Jean and John Mount-Campbell of Grayling started attending the club about club four years ago after taking a hiatus from square dancing.

"It didn't take that long to retrain ourselves," John Mount-Campbell said.

"It's a lot of fun and and it's good exercise," Jean Mount-Campbell added.

While taking breaks, members of the group reminisce and catch up on friendships.

"Some of our oldest friends are people we met when we started square dancing," John Mount-

Campbell said.

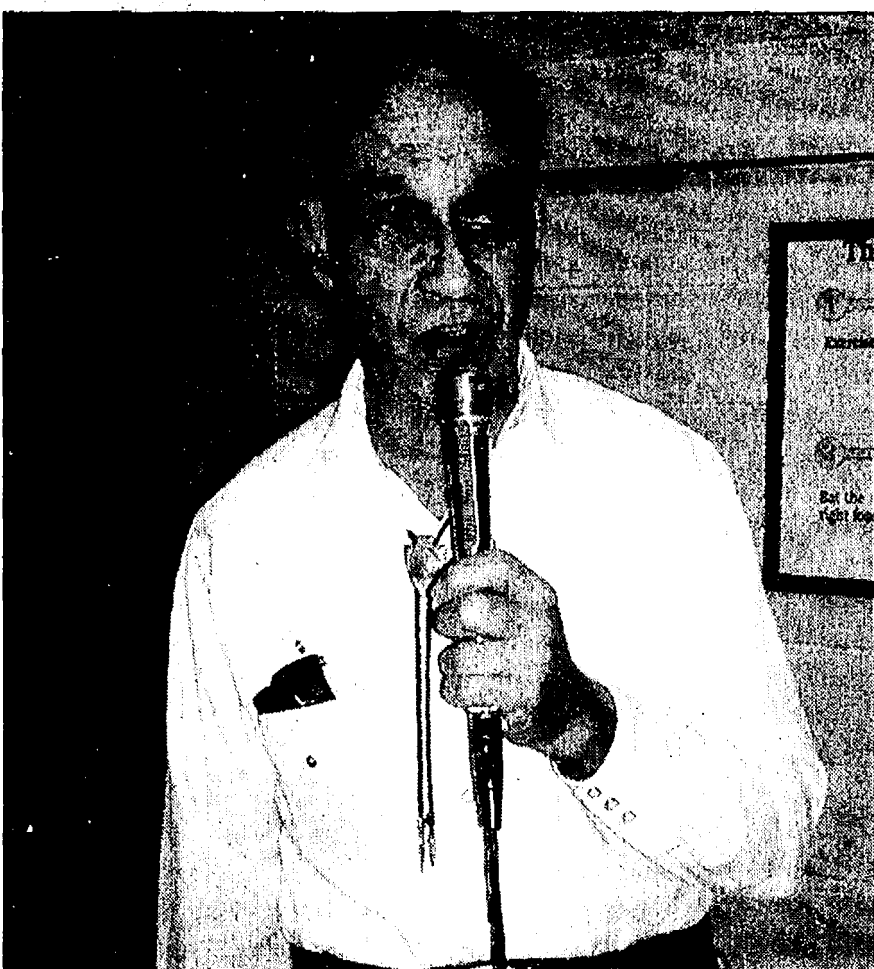
Gary Edwards of Hale, who has been calling square dances for nearly six decades, is the caller of the club. Edwards grew up in Missouri, and learned to call square dancing the tutelage of his father, Charles.

"I enjoy seeing the people having fun and its challenging for them to learn all the patterns," Edwards said.

Edwards said that square dancing changed from being a regional activity to standardized dances in the early 1950s. Square dancing is now an international activity, with groups in China, Japan, Sweden and Australia.

"They speak square dancing and sometimes, that's the only English they know is square dancing words," Edwards said.

For more information on the Roscommon Circle Square Dance Club, call Crane at 348-7127.



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Police make drug bust in Frederic

Charges are expected to be filed against three adults and one juvenile as a result of a drug bust made by police on Monday.

Police executed a search warrant on a home in Frederic Township at 5 a.m. on Monday.

Police confiscated marijuana, methamphetamine, cocaine,

crack cocaine, a large amount of ecstasy pills, \$900 in cash, two handguns and a large amount of suspected stolen property.

Charges were pending against two men, one woman and a juvenile. The woman had a child in the residence when police raided the home.

Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies, officers from the Strike Team Investigative Narcotics Group and troopers from the Houghton Lake Post of the Michigan State Police collaborated on the investigation.

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Grayling Youth Booster Club

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Project Graduation

The "Lucky 300 Club" Raffle winner of \$100 is Michelle

Barber.

Grayling Lions Club

The winner of the Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13 raffle on Sept. 15 for \$100 is: Skip's Sport Shop, of Grayling, and the winner on Sept. 22 was Brian McGuinness, of Gaylord.

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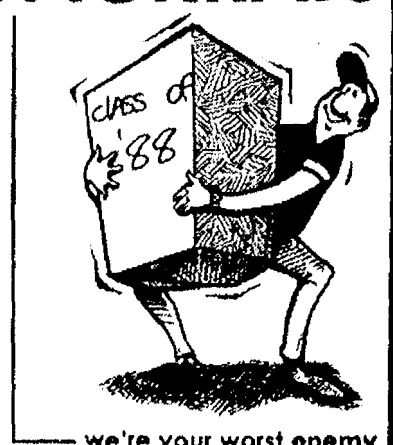
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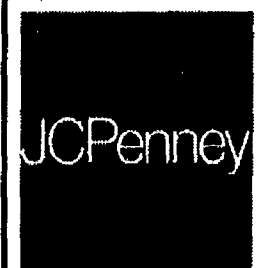


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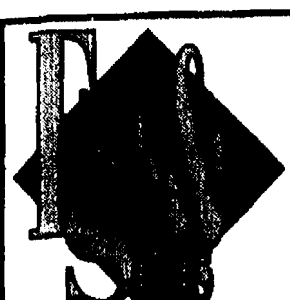
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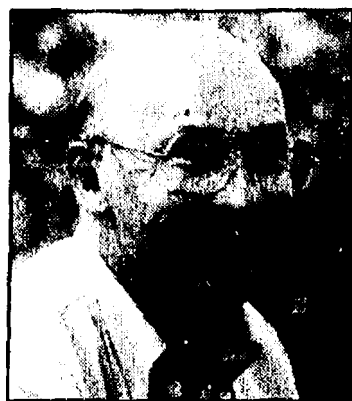
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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard L. Milliman

Governor's race tightens while ads flood air

WITH ABOUT SIX weeks to go until Michigan votes for governor and other assorted state offices, the race for governor has grown tighter.

One late poll indicates Democratic Gov. Jennifer Granholm and Republican challenger Dick DeVos are at a practical tie. Most political observers agree it's that close.

Polls for many weeks have bounced back and forth like a tennis ball in a Davis Cup finals, and likely will continue that way until the November 7 election.

My own hunch persists that Ms. Granholm will win a tight vote. It's difficult to oust an incumbent.

Most information about the campaign gets to the public through television ads and the explanation and interpretation that follow in newspapers and newscasts. Some folks even read editorials and political columns, where interpretations often but properly can be more biased.

So far, according to finance reports required by state law, the two candidates have spent more than \$25 million combined on the campaign, with another month or so to go when probably an equal amount or even more dollars will

flow.

The plentiful Michigan Democratic party TV ads usually flail Mr. DeVos while most Granholm committee ads are milder and positive. DeVos ads are from his campaign, but a big wad of the cash comes from his own deep pockets.

For comparison, four years ago Candidate Granholm and her opponent, Republican Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus (remember him?) spent a combined \$15 million on the entire campaign, according to a recent story in *The Detroit News*.

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THE PRIMARY TOPIC for both campaigns so far has been jobs ... how Michigan needs them and how each candidate would help create or attract them.

From most recent Democratic anti-DeVos ads, you'd think the election is in China.

Democrats have made a big deal about businessman DeVos' company - Alticor, formerly Amway. Under Mr. DeVos' watch, Alticor reorganized its business by downsizing Michigan operations causing job loss here, and building a plant in China, which oddly enough hires Chinese workers, not Michigan employees. Alticor still maintains a sig-

nificant employee presence in its home state.

o what's the problem? Mr. DeVos is a business operator, and that's the way business is done today, especially with stiff domestic and international competition and expansion of global consumption and trading.

Just in the past few weeks, Ford Motor Company announced severe downsizing, while jobs at General Motors have disappeared by the thousands, and many businesses have been forced to tighten their belts which usually means fewer jobs.

At the same time, Michigan firms, including all the auto companies and many other state-based manufacturers, have invested in other countries including China. We may be sorry it happens, but often it's essential for business growth, if not survival.

The China offensive by the Democrats just doesn't stand up under analysis. It makes a great catch-phrase, but informed voters won't buy it.

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GOV. GRANHOLM in fact, has tried to downsize. Every new governor does.

Each new governor looks at what state

government does and how it operates, eliminates as many jobs as possible, then brags about how operations have been tightened while service has been improved.

After Gov. Granholm ended the 12-year reign of Republican Gov. John Engler four years ago, she used a variety of task forces to comb through department operations and come up with ways to save money and improve efficiency and service.

If he should win in November, a new Gov. DeVos will do something very similar. Alas, somehow within a few years most of that recurrent economizing has grown back into government. That's just how the public sector operates.

To me, the jobs issue is becoming dull and repetitive. There's nothing new and nothing convincing on the subject. Job creation and growth are important, but I yearn for discussion and proposals for many other issues facing Michigan and its people.

Try a few of these problems: Prisons, street crime, care of the mentally impaired, problems of the elderly especially affordable medical care and prescription drugs, trash, the infrastructure

including inadequate and broken down streets and highways, urban vitalization, strengthening local governments, education curricula and financing - at the primary, secondary, junior college, university and graduate school levels - fair and adequate state tax structure, aid for the economically disadvantaged, protecting and developing the environment, and on and on. I'm sure I've missed a few.

These and similar problems present more complex and nuanced problems, which defy meaningful exploration or solution in a 30 or 60 second TV spot. They are not very glamorous, either, so the public may tune them out quickly. Television offers great advantages but also has great drawbacks.

Our form of choosing leaders is a strange but wonderful way to run a government. To steal the thought from Winston Churchill or someone equally as erudite, as a government, democracy's biggest advantage is that it's better than all the others.

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Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

There are other roads in the county far worse off

To the editor:

I am writing in response to your article on Aug. 31, 2006 about the millage proposal. Before writing this I took a drive down some of the roads listed in the Road Commission's five-year reconstruction plan. I will admit that these roads are in need of repair but there are other roads in this county that are far worse off than those in their plan.

The two roads I must travel daily fall into this category, although there are many others. These roads are so bad that they have given up painting the white shoulder lines probably because they would be painting gravel instead of pavement in most places. I have traveled washboard gravel roads in better shape. In your article, the Road Commission mentions "primary roads" and all I can say is that all

the roads I need to travel are primary to me.

I believe that before I vote "yes" on a self imposed five-year tax (one that will most probably be brought back to the voters again as a "renewal and not a new tax") that the monies for this tax be used to repair the worst roads first.

I have notice certain roads get special attention like the stretch near Wellington Farms, while many of us are still bouncing, dodging holes and repairing broken vehicles because of it. Why not get all the roads passable first and then go to the pet projects. Until the Road Commission comes up with a fair and equitable plan for all taxpayers I am inclined to vote NO on this one.

Gary Bastianelli
Beaver Creek Township

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October is 'Michigan Car-Deer Crash Safety Awareness Month'

October and November are two of the most dangerous months in Michigan, especially for the state's 1.75 million white-tailed deer and the motorists who crash into them each year. Car-deer crashes in Michigan cause at least \$130 million in damage annually, with an average of \$2,000 per vehicle. Recognizing this fact, Gov. Jennifer M. Granholm has proclaimed October as "Michigan Car-Deer Crash Safety Awareness Month."

The Michigan Deer Crash Coalition (MDCC), which this year celebrates its 10th anniversary, asks motorists to be extra alert when driving this fall. The MDCC, a broad affiliation of groups representing law enforcement, traffic safety, insurance, natural resources, higher education and strategic regional planning in the public and private sectors, seeks to increase awareness of the problem among the driving public and reduce the number of deaths and injuries occurring each year on state roads. The safety message for motorists is "Don't Veer for Deer!"

Statistics show that most motorist deaths and injuries occur when drivers swerve to avoid hitting the deer and strike a fixed object, such as a tree or another vehicle," said coalition Chairman Jack Peet of AAA Michigan. "No one wants to see a deer destroyed, but striking the animal is often the

safest action." In 2005, Michigan experienced a reduction in the number of total car-deer crashes, which are at their lowest level since 1995. According to the Michigan State Police Criminal Justice Information Center, there were 58,741 deer-vehicle crashes in 2005, down from the 62,707 crashes reported in 2004. However, officials note that many crashes also go unreported, so actual crash numbers are much higher.

In 2005, Kent County once again topped the state's counties in the number of vehicle-deer crashes with 2,169 crashes. The remaining top 10 were Jackson (2,111); Calhoun (2,018); Oakland (1,704); Montcalm (1,576); Eaton (1,450); Ingham (1,439); Kalamazoo (1,303); Lapeer (1,238), and Clinton (1,229).

The number of deer crashes in 2004-2005 in Crawford and surrounding counties were: Crawford County had 281 in 2004 and 234 in 2005; Kalamazoo County had 198 in 2004 and 223 in 2005; Otsego county had 190 in 2004 and 179 in 2005; Roscommon County had 392 in 2004 and 319 in 2005; and Ogemaw County had 524 in 2004 and 497 in 2005.

More than 17 percent of all crashes in Michigan involve deer. Last year, nine motorists were

killed and 1,700 were injured as the result of a car-deer crash, compared to three killed and 1,647 injured the previous year.

Nearly half of all collisions with deer crashes occur in the October-to-December mating season when deer are very active, and crashes spike again in spring when the season's first grass appears along highway rights-of-way.

"Deer are often seen calmly feeding near highways, but when they panic, they may appear in front of your windshield in no time at all," noted Penney Melchior, Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Division Field Coordinator. "Drivers must be prepared - look for other deer following the first in a line and keep an eye for deer doubling back once they have moved out of a traffic lane."

All motorists should 'think deer' whenever they are behind the wheel, and drive defensively, as if a deer can appear at any moment, because they can. And all motorists should remember to always fasten their safety belts. Safety belts often make the difference in surviving a serious crash.

If a crash with a deer is unavoidable, the MDCC recommends drivers: don't swerve, brake firmly, hold onto the steering wheel with both hands, come to a controlled stop, and steer your vehicle well off the roadway.

The MDCC says motorists can help avoid dangerous encounters with deer by heeding the following tips:

- Watch for deer especially at dawn and dusk. They are most active then, especially during the fall mating season. In spring, deer will move from cover to find food, and back to cover. Often they will feed along road rights-of-way, where grass greens up first.

- If you see one deer, approach cautiously, as there may be more out of sight.

- Deer often travel single file, so if you see one cross a road, chances are more are nearby waiting to cross, too. When startled by an approaching vehicle, they can panic and dart out from any direction without warning.

- Be alert all year long, especially on two-lane roads. Watch for deer warning signs. They are placed at known deer-crossing areas and serve as a first alert that deer may be near.

- Slow down when traveling through deer-population areas.

Copies of the MDCC brochure, "Don't Veer For Deer," are available free at www.michigan.gov/ohsp (Click on Traffic Safety Materials); fax to (517) 336-2663; call (517) 333-2722; or e-mail trafficsafety@michigan.gov. For more information, visit www.semco.org/TranPlan/TrafficSafety/MDCC/index.htm

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Photographs must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.

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Handwritten items must also have ample space between each line; on lined paper use every other line.

Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid for in advance or they will not be published.

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BRIEFS

COA to host diabetes discussion

The senior center, located at 308 Lawndale St., will have a registered nurse and dietician available to answer your questions about diabetes, on Thursday, Oct. 5, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. If you need more information or to schedule an appointment call the COA at 348-7123.

Sen. Stamas to hold office hours

Sen. Tony Stamas, R-Midland, announced that he will conduct office hours in the district on Friday, Sept. 29, at the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Ave. from 3 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. Office hours are open to residents to express their opinions or request assistance with a state issue.

Spaghetti dinner benefit to be held

A benefit spaghetti dinner for Danny Leal (Helsel), who has suffered a serious head trauma that requires long-term treatments, will be held on Sept. 30, from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the American Legion Bingo Hall. Ticket prices are \$5 for a single and \$20 for a family and are available at the door or by contacting Dick and Kathy Baker at (989) 348-2314 or Deb Helsel at (989) 275-5759.

COA Out to Lunch to head to Oscoda

The Senior Center Out to Lunch gang will be going to Oscoda for a Paddle Boat Cruise on Oct. 5. The cost for the trip is \$20 and lunch will be available to purchase on the boat. The bus will be leaving at 9:30 a.m., from the Grayling Senior Center located at 308 Lawndale St., Grayling. For information or transportation call Elouise Mize at 348-7123.

Karate class to hold sign-up

New World Karate is ready to start their school program. Boys and girls ages 5 and up can sign up on Monday, Oct. 2 and 9, at 4:30 p.m., at the AuSable Primary School. For more information call Larry at 344-6083.

State Retirees to hold monthly meeting

The regular meeting of North Central Area Chapter #19, State Employee Retirees Association, will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 3, at the Houghton Lake Community Building at 2 p.m. All retired state employees and their spouses are invited.

Travel with GPA to Alaska

The Grayling Promotional Association Entertainment Series 34th season of Travel and Adventure will present, on the big screen, a new film, "Alaska," on Sept. 28, at the Rialto Theatre, downtown Grayling. Narrated, in person, by world traveler Dale Johnson, the show will begin at 7:30 p.m., doors open at 6:45 p.m. Tickets cost \$8 for adults and \$7 for seniors/students and are available at the Grayling Chamber of Commerce or at the door. For more information call the Chamber at 989-348-2921.

Hartwick Pines to host Halloween walk

The Friends of Hartwick Pines will host the 2nd annual "Critters in the Moonlight" Halloween walk on Oct. 13 and 14, from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Walk the educational trail lit with jack-o-lanterns and lanterns while you encounter critters that live in the forest and tell about themselves. Refreshments available for all and treat bags will be given out to children 12 and under. The program is free, however, a state park motor vehicle permit is required to enter the park. Call Hartwick Pines State Park at 348-2537 for information.

Great Start Playgroup to start

The Great Start Playgroup will start on Friday, Sept. 29, at the AuSable Primary School from 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. It is free to all families with infants, toddlers, and preschoolers and is sponsored by the C.O.O.R. Intermediate School District. Weekly activities and snacks will be provided. For more information call 275-9537.

Blessing of the animals to be held

The Blessing of the Animals will be held on Sunday, Oct. 1, at 2 p.m., at St. Francis Episcopal Church, 6441 M-72 W, Grayling. Rev. Elizabeth Chace will officiate. Everyone is invited to bring

their pets, or an item belonging to the pet to be blessed in their absence. All dogs must be on a leash, cats and other small animals must be in a secure carrier. There will be a free will offering and donations will go to the Animal Shelter of Crawford County's building fund.

Garden club to meet

Beyond the Garden Wall Garden Club will meet on Thursday, Oct. 5, at 7 p.m., at Michelson Methodist Church. Bring your garden seeds to swap. Refreshments will be served, everyone is welcome. For information call Ellen Jurkovich at 889-5054.

2007 Michigan Apple Queen applications available

Applications for the Michigan Apple Queen Pageant are now available from the Michigan Apple Committee office. The annual pageant is held each December at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel during the Great Lakes Fruit, Vegetable and Farm Market Expo.

The Michigan Apple Queen Pageant for the 2007 Michigan Apple Queen will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 5. The queen and her court will spend a year participating in various parades, festivals, and events as representatives of the Michigan apple industry.

The pageant is presented by the Michigan Apple Committee and staged by the Michigan State Horticultural Society Auxiliary.

Candidates for Michigan Apple Queen must be between the ages of 17 and 23, and must have a link to the industry. Contestants are judged on a number of features, including poise, professionalism and knowledge of the apple industry.

To receive an application, call the MAC at (800) 456-2753 or e-mail Diane @Michigan Apples.com.

The Michigan Apple Committee is a grower-funded nonprofit organization devoted to promotion, education and research activities to distinguish the Michigan apple and encourage its consumption by consumers in Michigan and around the world. For more information, visit Michigan Apples.com.

CCEDP to host seminar on Successful Networking

The Crawford County Economic Development Partnership (CCEDP) will host the Entrepreneur Network, a series of once-a-month business development sessions, at the Devereaux Memorial Library starting on Sept. 28, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Gaila Gilliland, CCEDP Economic Development Director, will present an interactive session titled Successful Networking. According to Gilliland, "My interactive seminar will focus on the many positive ways business people can network with each other. Each person will develop his or her own 30-second personal networking commercial and will get to experience firsthand how to use it."

Gilliland has previously presented her "Successful Networking" seminar to the SASBA networking group in South Sioux City, Neb. SASBA Chair and entrepreneurial businessman Russ Gifford explains,

"This is an eye-opening seminar even if you think you know how to network. The tricks and shortcuts you will learn in this program will aid you everyday," he said.

Entrepreneur Network sessions are for existing Crawford County small business owners as well as individuals who are interested in starting a business in Crawford County.

In addition to on-going business training, the sessions offer a new opportunity for networking among entrepreneurs and small business owners.

The Entrepreneur Network provides a forum for entrepreneurs to exchange knowledge and experience, and polish their essential networking skills.

The free sessions are held at the Devereaux Memorial Library on the fourth Thursday of each month. Seating is limited; contact Gilliland by email at gailag@i2k.com or call 348-9030 to reserve a seat before Sept. 27.

Autumn Passport Days to be held at post office

The Grayling Post Office will hold Autumn Passport Days on Friday, Sept. 29, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and Saturday, Sept. 30, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A dedicated window will be open for passports only. Each applicant will need to complete an application and: certified birth certificate or previously issued U.S. passport or certificate of naturalization. Two "passport photos (available at post office \$15 for both), valid drivers license or state issued ID (that of a parent if under 16 years of age or both parents if under 14 years of age). Application fee - separate check or money order

for each applicant: \$67 if 16 years of age or older - \$52 if under 16 years. Execution fee - cash, check, credit or debit \$30 per applicant.

All applicants including children must appear at the time of processing. Passport applicants under age of 14 years of age must be signed by both parents. Please allow eight weeks for processing. Expedited service available if needed. Visit www.travel.state.gov for more details and online applications.

The Grayling Post Office is located at 300 E. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738, or call 989-348-4591.

Forest service observes Fee-Free Day

National Forests and other public lands are treasured places for recreation and renewal. To encourage visitation to our nation's public lands, the national forests and grass lands will join the Department of Interior agencies in celebrating a Fee-Free Day on National Public Lands Day, Sept. 30.

In addition to waiving traditional entrance fees, such as those included in the Golden Eagle Passport Program, all recreation use that charges day-use fees will waive fees for the day.

On the Huron-Manistee National Forests, some sites are operated by concessionaires. Those sites may charge a fee unless the permit holder wishes to participate.

For more information, contact the National Forests office at 231-775-2421.

Youth Recreation Assistance guidelines set

The AuSable Valley Youth Service Bureau announces that starting Oct. 1, 2006 children applying for Youth Recreation Assistance Funds must meet the following criteria to be eligible for funding:

Crawford County resident.

School age youth under the age of 18.

Family must be T.A.N.F. eligible.

The youth must be involved in an on-going counseling or social work program.

The youth's counselor or social worker must state in their case management plan the need for the youth's participation in an athletic or cultural program.

This criteria meets the 2006-2007 fiscal year state guidelines and there can be no exceptions made. Youth Recreation Assistance sign up times are from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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The Bible Speaks

Christ our Propitiation

Romans 3:20-23 reminded us that none of us can save ourselves by obeying God's laws. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23). Romans 3:24 taught us that God's redemption and justification are a free gift of God's grace through Christ Jesus. "24Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus." God then explains in Romans 3:25 more about our redemption in Christ Jesus. "25Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God."

First, we are reminded that God is the source of our propitiation. "Whom God hath set forth..." As we are reminded in Acts 2:23 that our Lord Jesus Christ was "delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God..." As John said in 1 John 4:10: "10Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins." As Abraham told his son Isaac in Genesis 22:7,8, "...God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering..." As Christ said in Acts 8:32,

"...He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth." John declared in John 1:29: "...Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." As we are told in Romans 5:8: "8But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Or as Jesus said John 3:16: "16For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Next we examine the subject of God's propitiation. What does it mean? The same Greek word translated propitiation in this verse is translated "mercy seat" in Hebrews 9:5. The mercy seat was the place of God's presence in the tabernacle or temple in the Old Testament. God gave Moses the instructions for building the mercy seat in Exodus 25:17-22. Two cherubims of gold were made for each end of the mercy seat. The mercy seat was the top of the ark of the covenant which contained the 10 commandments God gave. This was the place where God met with His people, forgave their sins, and spoke to them.

We are told in Leviticus 16:14, 15, how Aaron the high priest had to offer a sacrifice and sprinkle the

blood upon the mercy seat for a propitiation first for himself, and then for the people. God's anger over the trespasses and sins of His people had to be placated on the Day of Atonement. The mercy seat pointed to Jesus Christ who fulfilled all these types and shadows by shedding His own blood for our propitiation.

Today God is placated only by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ. "25Whom God hath set forth to be propitiation through faith in his blood..." (Rom 3:25). "12Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us." (Heb 9:12). "22.... and without shedding of blood is no remission.23It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. 24For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us." (Heb. 9:22-24). Pastor "B"

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Burkett, Zelenak wed



Arica Burkett and Art Zelenak

Arica Burkett and Art Zelenak, were united in marriage on April 29, 2006 in Siesta Key, Fla. During the sunset beach wedding, sixteen family members and friends witnessed the ceremony, followed by a reception at the Turtles restaurant overlooking Little Sarasota Bay.

Levi Burkett, brother of the bride, played guitar and sang "When You Say Nothing At All" by Allison Krauss and "Do You Remember" by Jack Johnson.

Arica is the daughter of Bruce and Marcella Burkett and the

granddaughter of Donald Burkett and the late Grace Burkett and LeRoy and Virginia Millikin of Grayling.

Art is the son of Arthur Zelenak of Warren and Elizabeth Zelenak of Chesterfield Twp. His grandparents are John and Agnes Zelenak and Betty Litz and the late Henry Litz.

The couple honeymooned at the Sandals Royal Caribbean Resort in Montego Bay, Jamaica.

They reside in West Bloomfield.

Dowland, Cross wed



Kimmie Dowland and Scott Cross

Kimmie Dowland and Scott Cross were united in marriage on September 6, 2006. A double ring and leigh ceremony was held at sunset on the beach in Maui.

Kimmie is the daughter of

John and Carol Neil of Higgins Lake.

Scott is the son of the late Bill Cross and Betty Cross of Higgins Lake.

A reception is planned for October.

Porter, Pavey engaged



Lindsay Porter and Carter Pavey

Lindsay P. Porter and Carter G. Pavey IV, announce their engagement.

They currently reside in Las Vegas, Nev., where Carter works as an Advertising/Promotions manager for Station Casinos and

Lindsay is a Graphic Artist for MGM MIRAGE.

They are planning a September 2007 wedding. Carter and Lindsay are both 2000 graduates of Grayling High School.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner reports his department handled the following during the week of Sept. 17

- Sept. 24:

One traffic accident, one private property accident, two civil infraction citations, one traffic control, five larceny complaints, five disturbing the peace complaints, three assist other departments, three stalking/harassment complaints, one breaking and entering complaint, two malicious destruction of property complaints, one be on the lookout, four civil complaints, two alarm complaints, one animal control complaint and six unclassified complaints.

OBITUARIES

Jeanne L. Joyce

Mar. 24, 1918 - Sept. 25, 2006

Jeanne Lunetta Joyce, 88, of Wheaton, Ill., passed away on September 25, 2006.

She was born on March 24, 1918 in Detroit to Donald and Esther (Bruce) Lewis. She married Garland Joyce on January 28, 1938 in Bowling Green, Ohio. She received her bachelors degree in education from Eastern Michigan University, formerly Marygrove College.

She was employed as an elementary school teacher in the Royal Oak School District and moved to the Grayling area in 1962 and was proud to call Grayling her home for over 30 years. She was also a piano teacher and was a voracious reader.

She is survived by son, Michael (Shirley) Joyce of Wheaton, Ill.; four grandchildren: Michael S. (Karen) Joyce, Kimberly J. (Rick) Kern, and Darin T. (Tracie) Joyce of Wheaton, Ill., and Christopher W. (Kathi) Joyce of Lombard, Ill.; great-grandchildren: Michael, Kyle, Hannah, Travis, Kelly, Ryan, Tyler Henry, Brock, and a ninth great-grandchild expected to arrive on September 27, 2006.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and husband of 64 years, Garland "Bud" Joyce, who passed away May 22, 2002.

Visitation will be held on Friday, September 29, from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m., at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home. The funeral will take place on Saturday, September 30, at 11 a.m. at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home with pastor Rick Secord officiating. Interment will be at Elmwood Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Crawford County Commission on Aging or the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com. Arrangements by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Jerry A. Pratt

June 9, 1939 - Sept. 18, 2006

Jerry A. Pratt, 67, of Frederic, passed away on September 18, 2006.

He was born in Grayling on June 9, 1939 to Warner and Virginia (Denewitt) Pratt. He married Yvonne Weaver on October 21, 1961 in Frederic, and was a lifelong resident of the Grayling/Frederic area.

After 42 years of service, he retired from the Crawford County Road Commission as a road foreman.

He is survived by his mother; wife, Yvonne of 44 years; daughter Anjanette (Scott) Hoover of Gaines; sons: Jerry D. (Dawn) Pratt, Robin Pratt, both of Grayling and Michael Pratt of Frederic; grandchildren: Jessica, Taylor, Roy and Gage; sister, Ginger Reichelderfer; and brother, Larry (Jennie) Pratt, both of Grayling.

He was preceded in death by his father.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, September 20, with Elder Ann Doty and Elder Jack Seifert officiating. Interment was at Oakwood Cemetery in Frederic Township.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com. Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

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Emergency Department campaign meets \$2.3 million goal

By spring, residents and visitors will have a state-of-the-art Emergency Department available to them in Grayling whenever an emergency occurs, thanks to an outpouring of generous community support. Mercy Hospital Grayling's capital campaign for a new Emergency Department has met its goal of \$2.3 million in gifts and pledges.

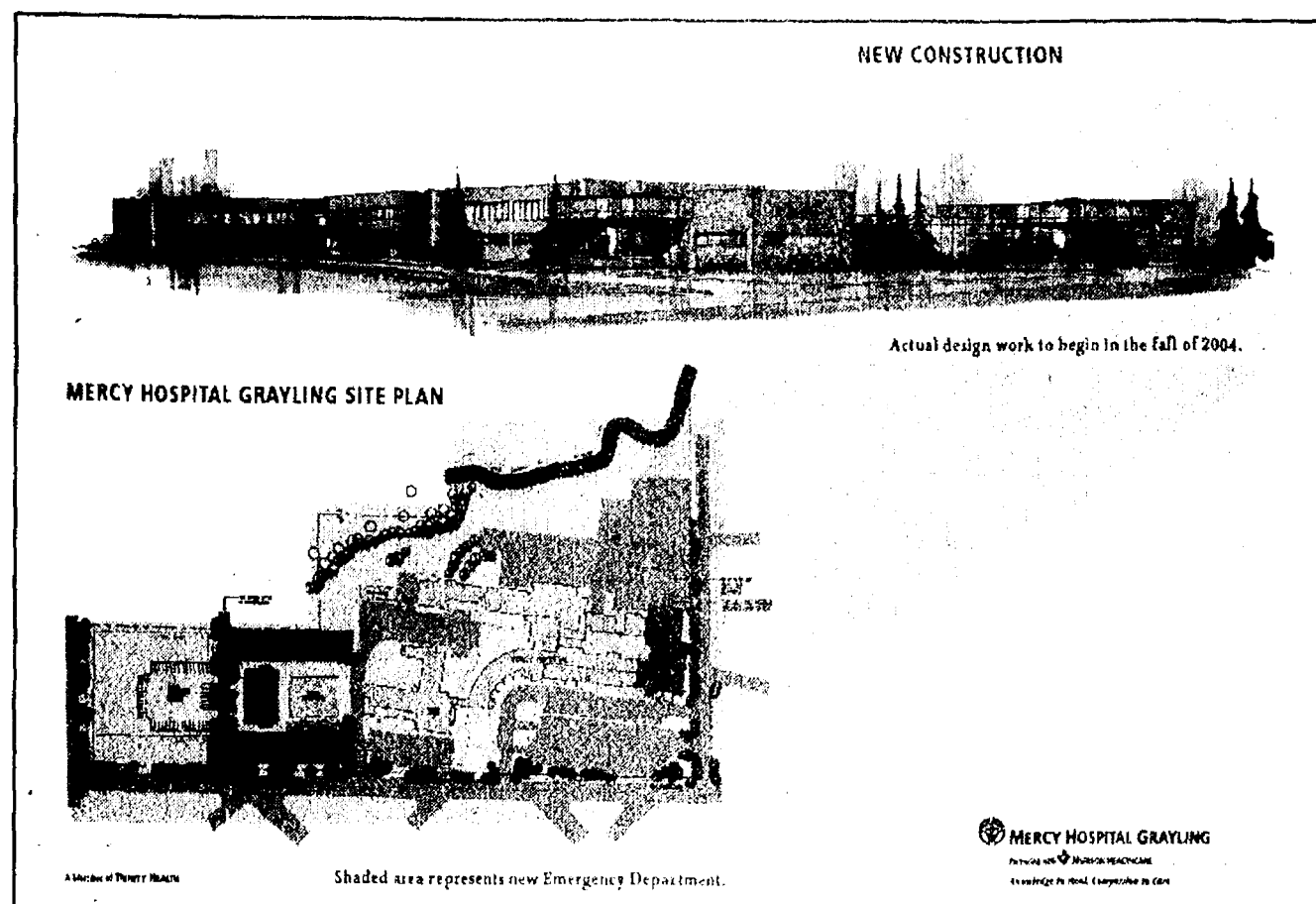
"Our \$2.3 million goal was four times more than we've ever raised in a previous campaign. We're very pleased with the commitment and support we have received," said the hospital's Director of Development Teresa Money. "It's clear that our communities recognized the need in our Emergency Department and also appreciate the personalized, quality care that they receive here at Mercy Hospital Grayling."

"We're delighted to now provide our staff and physicians with a facility that will match the outstanding care they provide," said Mercy Hospital Grayling CEO Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak. "Patients are very complimentary of the care they receive in our Emergency Department - the new setting will make it that much better."

The Campaign's Steering Committee, consisting of community, business and hospital representatives, played a vital role in the success of the campaign. Co-Chairs Henri Pell Junod Jr., of Higgins Lake, and Paul Lerg, of Grayling, provided key leadership in implementing the fund raising effort.

"It really was a community effort in response to a clear need," Junod said. "I'd like to thank all of the communities for their support. Many summer residents also responded. They support hospitals in their own communities, too, but if their grandson breaks a leg up here, they want a first-rate hospital to take him to - they don't want to have to drive him back to Ohio. They know they get wonderful treatment at Mercy Grayling but the physical facility was not up to today's standards. Now it will be, and we are appreciative of everyone who helped make it possible."

"I'd like to specifically thank Marie and Jerry Pinch who were instrumental in making the campaign a success," said Steering Committee co-chair Paul Lerg. The Brasza-Pinch family of Prudenville donated nearly \$700,000 to the campaign - including the largest single gift in the hospital's 95-year history. An additional gift from the family put the campaign over its \$2.3 million goal. The new department



ment will be known as the Brasza-Pinch Family Emergency Department.

"Mercy Hospital Grayling has treated our family well for more than 35 years," said Marie E. Brasza-Pinch, who owns the Riviera Resort on Houghton Lake with her husband, Jerry. "Our first experience with the hospital was a trip to the Emergency Department in 1971 with our one-year-old son. They were just great to us. We've had many personal positive experiences with the hospital and its clinics, and we recognized a real need for a new Emergency Department to complement the excellent, dedicated staff."

Lerg said he is also grateful to Henri Junod for his leadership and to the Mercy Hospital Grayling Auxiliary. The hospital's Auxiliary kicked off the campaign with a pledge of \$250,000 - its largest gift ever. The auxiliary's gift continues a long tradition of support and service to Mercy Hospital Grayling. "Our volunteers not only provide great service every day by performing countless jobs, they also work hard to support every project that comes along," Lerg said.

The new Emergency Department will be a model for emergency care in a rural setting, with upgraded state-of-the-art technology, equipment, communications and security systems. Construction is on schedule with completion expected in February 2007, well before the busy summer tourist season begins. The new department - the first expansion to the hospital since 1978 - will more than triple the space available for emergency care, and will expand the department from eight to 17 treatment beds, including two trauma rooms;

improve patient and family areas; and significantly improve patient privacy and comfort.

"I think people who use our Emergency Department are going to be very impressed by the difference," said Mercy Hospital Grayling CEO Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak. "Our vision is for Mercy Hospital Grayling to become one of the best small hospitals in the nation, and this new Emergency Department is an important step in reaching that goal. We are tremendously grateful to all of our donors."

Additional highlights of the capital campaign include: Donations of \$655,000 from the "Mercy Family" of hospital auxiliary, board members, medical staff, employees and individual volunteers.

More than \$400,000 in grants and pledges from area foundations, including The Alden and Vada Dow Family Foundations, The Herbert H. and Gracie A. Dow Foundation, the Morley Foundation, The John C. and Sally S. Morley Family Foundation, The Herbert and Junia Doan Foundation, the Rollin M. Gerstacker Foundation, The Charles J. Strosacker Foundation, the Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation, the Elizabeth Ring Mather and Williams Gwinn Mather Fund, the George R. and Elise M. Fink Foundation, the Harvey Memorial Foundation, The Jo and Wally Strobel Foundation, the Wade Family General Fund of the Roscommon County Community Foundation, and the North Central Michigan Community Foundation.

More than \$120,000 from area businesses and service groups, including Citizens Bank; AuSable Eye Care; Chemical Bank West; Crawford County

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Small tax hike ahead for forest land

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Everyone is kind of taking a deep breath right now. We're really pleased."

The change will be beneficial in several ways, Boucher said. It will bring more money in at the state level, while rates remain reasonable for commercial foresters.

However, districts will not receive additional funding.

Metcalfe said, county zoning boards are "not crazy about the tax break." It reduces tax base and reduces money for schools.

"In the 'big picture', it gets money from the whole spread, but it's not bad at the individual level," he said.

Michigan has about 2.2 million acres of affected land, which would produce about \$2.64 million in taxes to the state each year. That is a \$220,000 increase from the previous rate. Boucher said the agreement is in the best interest of everyone involved.

"A reasonable compromise was reached," Boucher said. "There were some concerns from the local units of government needing funding and tax revenue to operate in their areas, but land owners and forest land owners struggle with annual land taxes.

This is a compromise that everyone could live with.

"The land owners recognize the importance," he said.

Metcalfe said the compromise would benefit landowners and commercial forest groups because it helps even out the real value of the land.

"Timber value is close to real estate value, but what is the real incentive for investors to keep land forested? The commercial forest act helps equalize that out a little bit," Metcalfe said.

"Land owners who put property into that act are planning on keeping it forested and wild as

long as they live. It's the ultimate way to preserve forested land," he said.

The slight tax hike would help forests remain intact, not only for timber production, but for scenic and recreational use as well, Metcalfe said.

"It's open to the public for hunting and recreating," Metcalfe said. "Areas like the Upper Peninsula might be 30 percent industry land, miles upon miles owned by the timber industry and open to the public.

"It's a tremendous benefit to society. It allows the forest industry to exist and own land."

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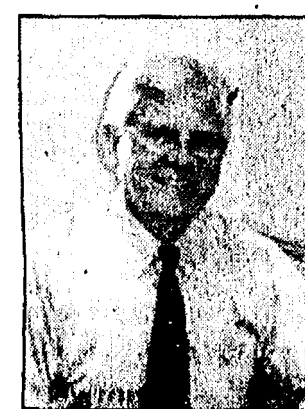


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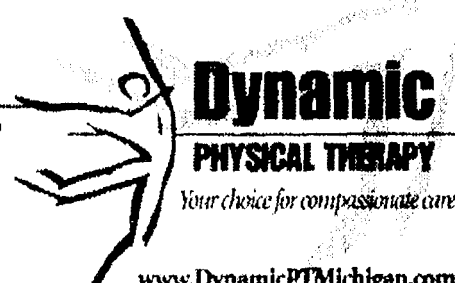
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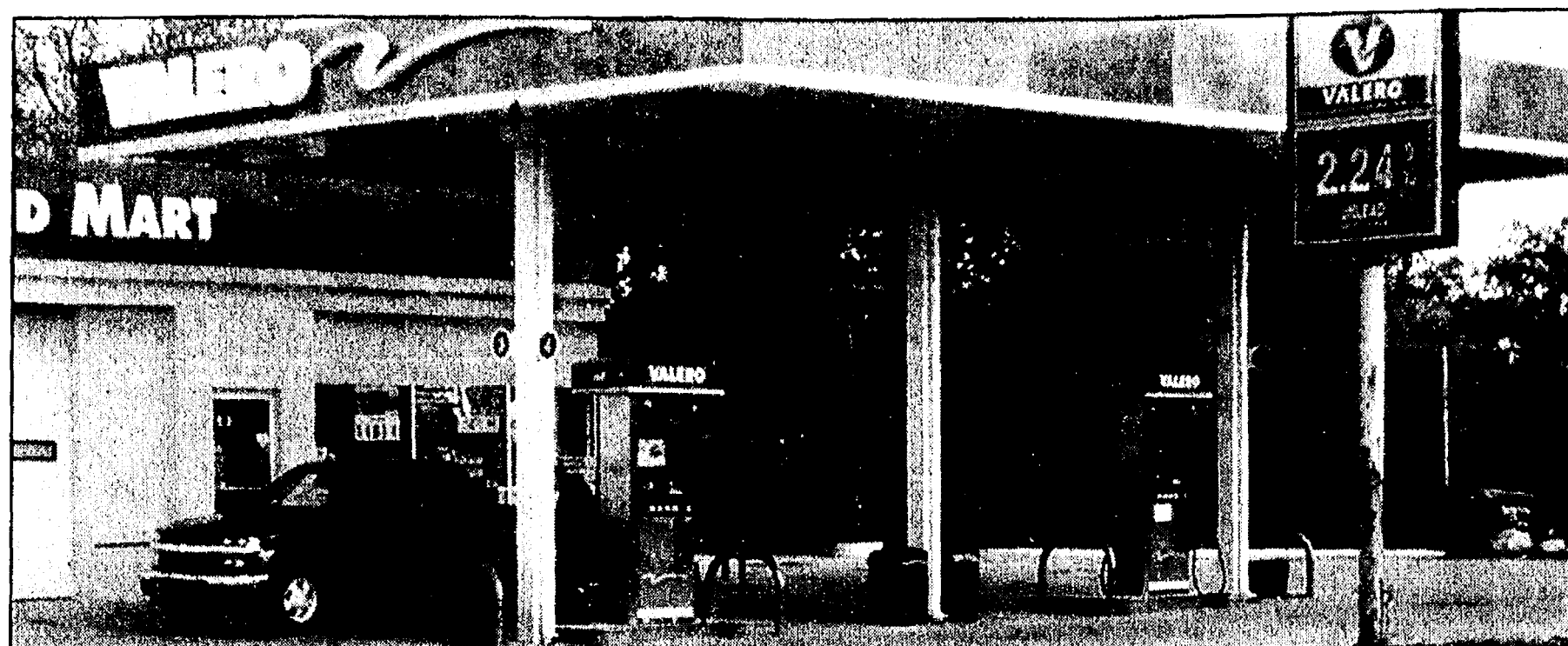


Photo by Dan Sanderson

The Sunoco Station, which is owned by the Novi-based Knight Enterprises, became a Valero Station last week.

Gas station first to take on Valero name in the state

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A gas station on the I-75 Business Loop received a new look last week.

The Sunoco station, which is owned by the Novi-based Knight Enterprises, became a Valero station last week.

Valero, a Fortune 500

Company which has its headquarters based in San Antonio, is the largest oil refinery firm in North America. The company has 18 refineries with the capacity of handling 3.3 barrels of oil per day. The company has 5,000 retail stores in the United States, Canada and the Caribbean.

The name Valero comes from Mission San Antonio de Valero, the mission founded in 1718 from which the city of San Antonio was started, better known worldwide as the Alamo.

The station in Grayling was the first owned by Knight Enterprises to become a Valero retail store.

Carroll Knight, president of the Knight Enterprises, said Valero recently purchased a gas pipeline operation in Ohio.

"I was looking for a good stable supplier to help with the economic fluctuations and the price

of fuel," Knight said.

Over the next year, Knight said 70 gasoline stations he owns in Michigan will become Valero stations, with the closest locations in Roscommon and Houghton Lake.

In June, Valero, which is best known for its retail locations on the East and West Coast, announced plans to convert its stores operating under the Diamond Shamrock network to Valero stores over the next two years.

Valero offers a program that gives customers five cents off the price for a gallon of gasoline for three months if they are eligible for a company credit card.

"There are some people that look for things like that and you try to do what you can to be competitive in the market place," Knight said.

The Valero station in Grayling

has four employees.

Knight founded Knight Enterprises, which is a subsidiary of Delta Fuels of Michigan and Delta Fuels of Ohio, in 1968. The company owns two pipelines and supplies fuel to 150 gas stations in the state. The company also holds contracts to supply gasoline and diesel fuel for military bases in the state, including Camp Grayling, Knight said.

A early proponent of using ethanol, a gasoline additive derived from corn, Knight is currently building a plant in Toledo which will manufacture bio-diesel, a diesel fuel that will include an additive made from soy bean oil to cut down on pollutants.

"It will help reduce our demand for crude oil from the Middle East and it will help the farmers," Knight said.

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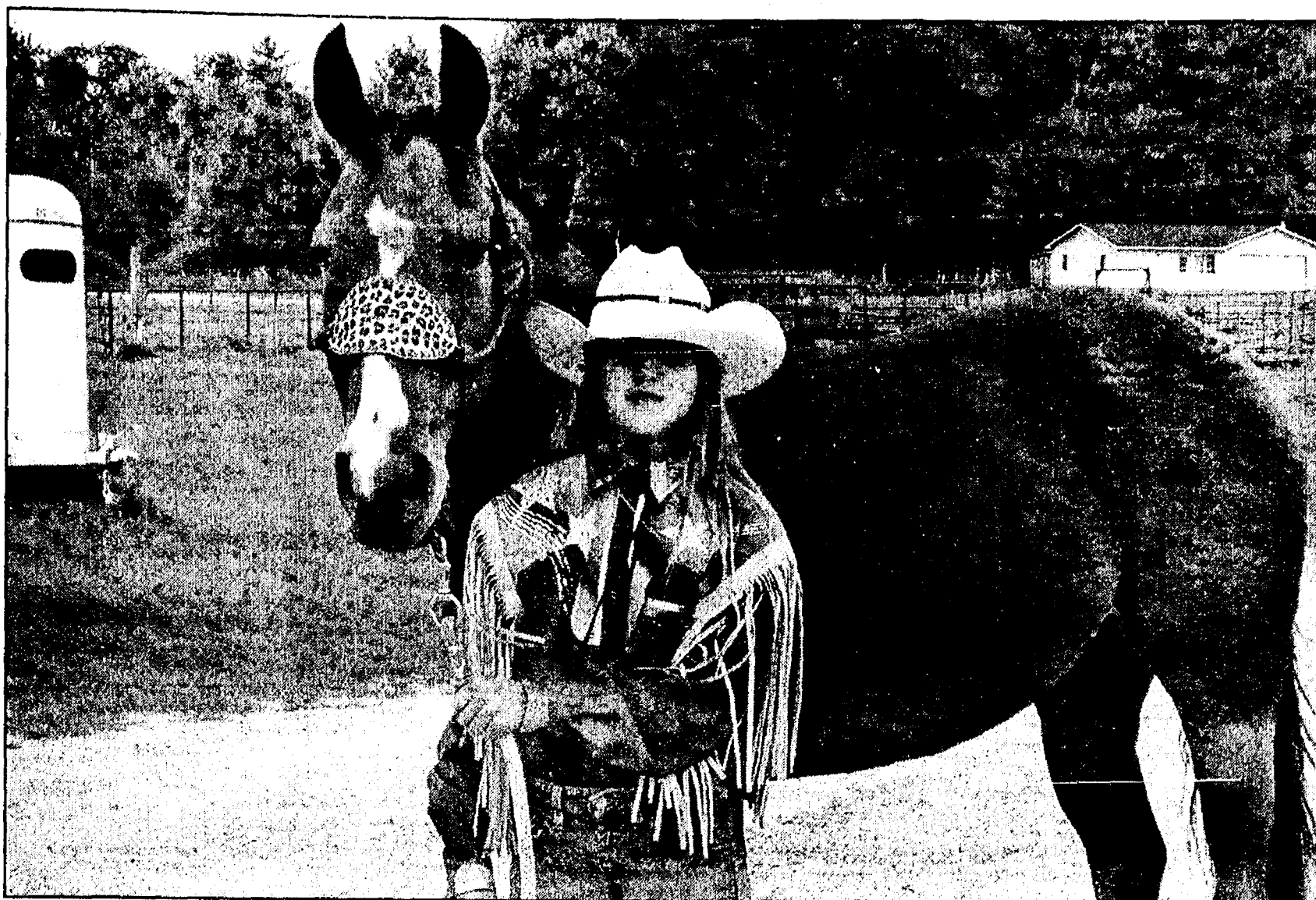
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Local rider places third at State Show



Jo Hamlin, of Grayling, competed at the 2006 Michigan National Barrel Horse Association State Show in Midland, held Aug. 31- Sept. 2. Hamlin and her horse, Jet Paced Item, advanced to the final, where they placed third in the second division of the Open Class. There were over 400 riders. Hamlin rides and trains at Hawk Hill Farm.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

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This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, Sept. 29 - Lunch - beef ravioli, tossed salad, broccoli, and applesauce. No Dinner. 1 p.m. Stagette Club and Pantry Bingo.

Sunday, Oct. 1 - Brunch - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Pancakes, sausage

and eggs, fruit bar, dessert, juice, coffee and milk. \$3 seniors and under 12, \$5 non-seniors.

Monday, Oct. 2 - Lunch - sloppy Joe on a bun, broccoli with cheese sauce, O'Brien potatoes, and pineapple. Dinner - chicken tetrazzini, Italian blend, zucchini, and fresh fruit salad. 10 a.m. aerobics, 1 p.m. Bridge Club, 3:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. hearing clinic, 5:30 p.m. Yahtzee.

Tuesday, Oct. 3 - Lunch - pork chop, sweet potatoes and

apples, beets, and pears. Dinner - liver and onions, fried cabbage with bacon, California blend, and grapes. 12:45 p.m. Euchre, 5:30 p.m. Bunco.

Wednesday, Oct. 4 - Lunch - beef tip and noodles, cauliflower, mixed vegetables, and mixed fruit. Dinner - baked fish, scalloped potatoes, green bean Almandine, oranges and grapefruit. 10 a.m. line dancing.

Thursday, Oct. 5 - Lunch - BBQ chicken, cheesy potato casserole, peas, and orange. Dinner - beef burritos with let-

tuce and tomatoes, Mexican corn, and peaches. 9:30 a.m. paddle boat cruise- Oscoda, 10 a.m. aerobics, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks, 12 p.m. sonnets and songs, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. diabetes discussion group, 5 p.m. speaker Active Chiropractic, 5:30 p.m. Uno-Attack.

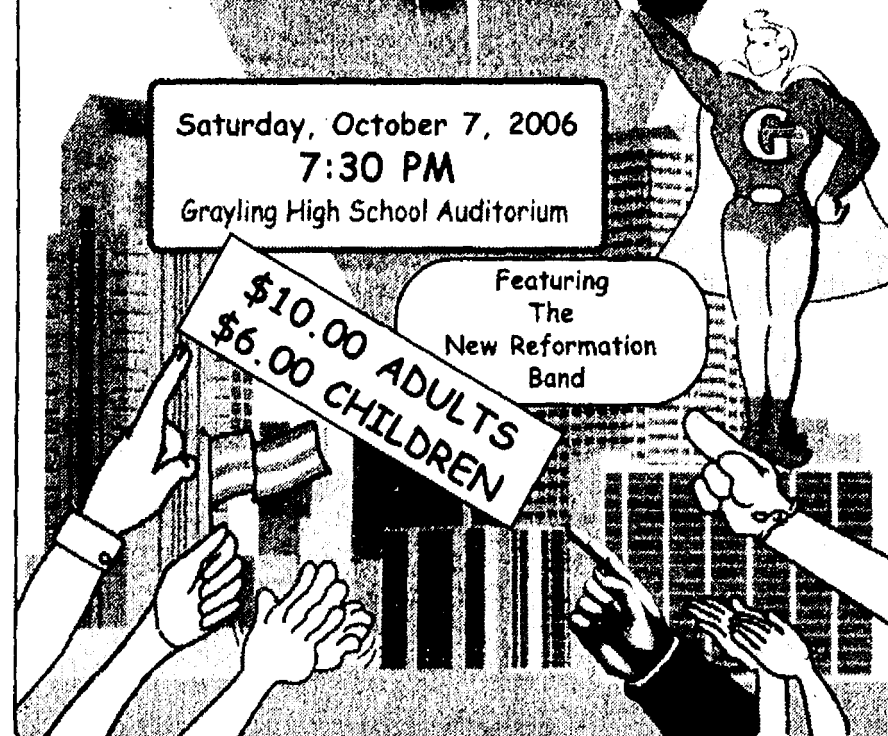
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Quintana's Taco House opens doors in Frederic

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A new restaurant specializing in authentic Mexican cuisine opened in Frederic earlier this month.

Quintana's Taco House, which is owned and operated by Ed Quintana and family, started serving food with a Mexican flare in Frederic on Sept. 14 where the former Patty's Place Frederic Cafe and Bed and Breakfast was located at 6464 North Old 27.

Quintana moved to the United States from Mexico City when he was 14 and has been involved in the restaurant business for 30 years.

His father, Salvador Quintana operates a restaurant called Las Piramides in Clarkston.

Quintana operated his own restaurant in Waterford for three years, before taking a 10-year hiatus from the business to work for General Motors.

After working various jobs at General Motors in Michigan, Quintana uprooted his family to take a job with the company in Danville, Ga. Quintana was told that he would likely retire from the plant, but soon after learned that the facility was closing and accepted a buy out from the company.

After 18-months of living in Georgia and dealing with big

city life, Quintana moved to Frederic in July to be near family.

Just over a month later, Patti's Place of Frederic, which catered to the breakfast and lunch customers, closed its doors.

"We wanted the coziness of a small town to do business in," Quintana said. "I was looking for a small restaurant that I could handle on my own and serve some good Mexican food."

Following a month of installing new equipment in the kitchen, remodeling and renovations, Quintana opened his restaurant.

Quintana's menu includes a number of appetizers, featuring

homemade corn chips, salsa and guacamole. The restaurant specializes in tacos, which feature homemade flour shells, burritos, tostadas and enchiladas. The dinner menu includes tamales, chimichangas and a selection of combination plates. Quintana's offers deep fried ice cream and Mexican hot chocolate to satisfy the sweet tooth.

"We're looking to bring a little bit of Mexico to the north and to let people know what Mexican food is really like," Quintana said.

The walls of Quintana's features a number of historic photos from the Frederic area's logging era. The restaurant building

which once housed the John Parson's General Store, and the original wood floor and ceiling have been uncovered to add to the historic atmosphere of the restaurant.

Karen Luark and Clara Varco of Frederic have become regulars at the restaurant and enjoy the food and smoke-free atmosphere.

"I like the homemade part and the fresh ingredients," Luark said.

Quintana's Taco House is open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Carry-out orders are also available.



Photos by Dan Sanderson

Quintana's Taco House, which is owned and operated by Ed Quintana and family, started serving food with a Mexican flair in Frederic on Sept. 14, where the former Patty's Place Frederic Cafe and Bed and Breakfast was the located. Above, Quintana holds a batch of homemade corn chips, which are made fresh daily at the restaurant.

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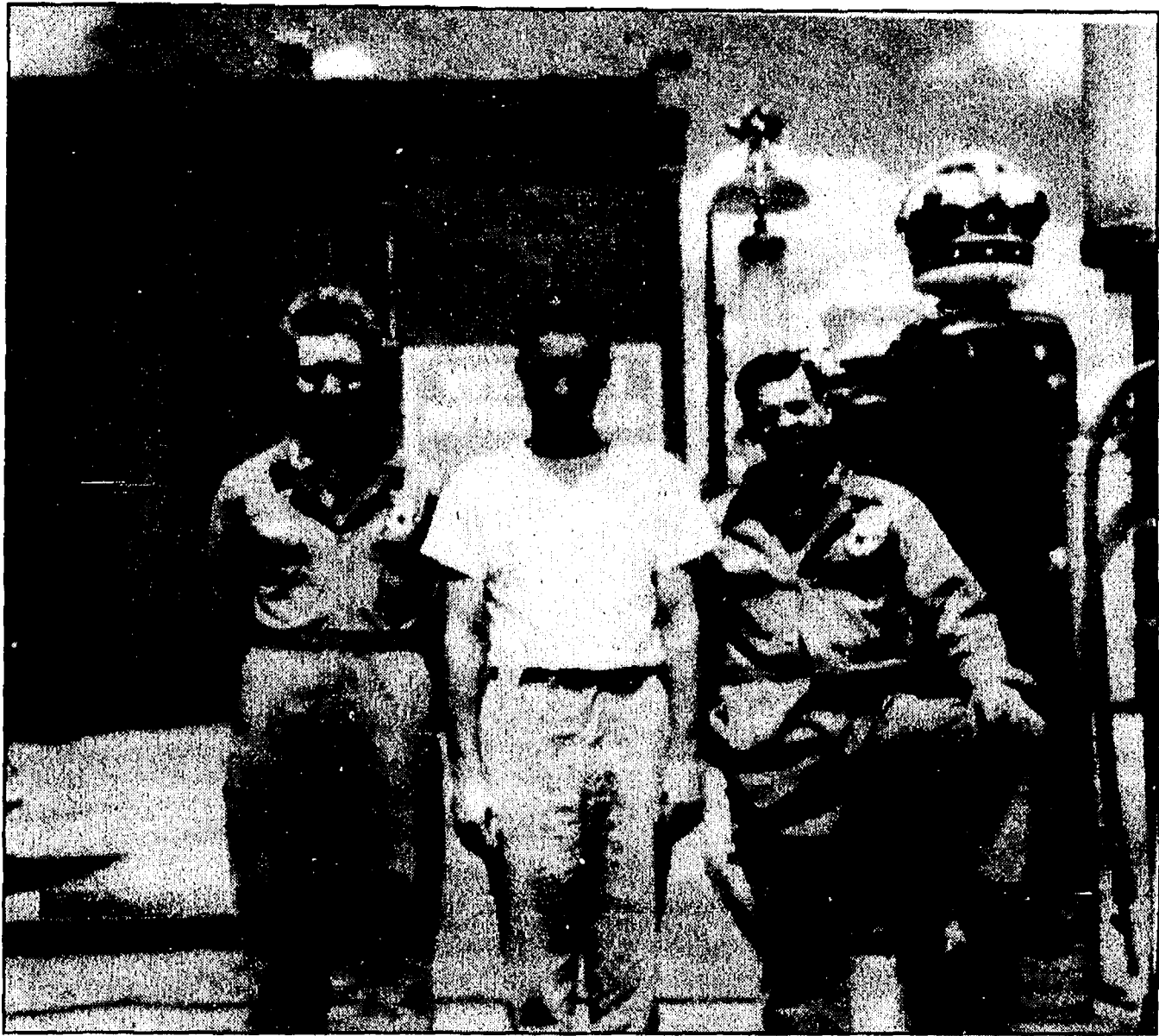
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Alumni reunion reunites three 1955 'Grease Monkeys'



At the Sept. 9, all-school alumni reunion at the Holiday Inn in Grayling, three "Grease Monkeys" who worked at the Parson's and Lamm Standard Oil Station in 1955 were reunited. (L to R) are Tom Lamm, Hans Andrews and Dale Pettengill 'reliving' their good memories.



In this 1955 photo, (L to R) is Tom Lamm, son of Fred and Helen Lamm, Dale Pettengill and Hans Andrews. Hans replaced Dale when Dale accepted summer employment at Camp Grayling.



Several Pontiacs can be seen in the picture of the service station in 1955 where Pontiac cars were sold. The Parson's and Lamm service station was built by Hans' grandfather Hans R. Nelson in the 1920's after he tore down a hotel that had graced that corner for many years. When Hans R. passed away in 1929, his son, Earl Nelson, took over the business.

DISTRICT HEALTH #10 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

District Health Department No. 10, Grayling office, has scheduled the following clinics/classes for October.

Immunization clinics: Oct. 4 and 18 by appointment, call (989) 348-7800.

Family planning clinic: Oct. 3, 17, and 24. Call (989) 348-7800 for appointment.

WIC clinics: This program provides supplemental foods and nutrition education for eligible pregnant and breast feeding

women, infants and children: Oct. 4, 12, 16-18-19, 23-25 and 26. Call (989) 348-7800 for an appointment.

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Breast and cervical cancer screenings: Available to women ages 40-64 who have limited or no health insurance. A clinic is scheduled Oct. 17 in Grayling. Call (989)-348-7800, ext. 8042, for an appointment.

Hearing and vision screenings: This is a free program for children ages three years to third grade. Appointments are necessary. Clinics are held in Crawford County at the Head Start Building in Grayling. Call (989) 348-7800 for an appointment.

The Crawford County branch office of District Health Department #10 is located on Meadows Drive, east of the South I-75 Business Loop, in Grayling.

LIBRARY NEWS

Devereaux Memorial Library
The next H.U.G.S. Genealogy meeting will be held on Monday, Oct. 2, at the library, from 6 p.m.

to 7 p.m., for beginners who need help. From 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. the computers will be available for

researching. During this time, the computers will not be available for library use, only H.U.G.S.

GHS cheerleaders reunited at all school reunion



Grayling High School male cheerleaders (L to R) Duke LaMonte, James LaGrow and Hans Andrews reunited at the 2006 GHS All-Alumni Reunion in September.

The last male cheerleaders of Grayling High School (GHS), Duke LaMonte and James LaGrow, from the class of 1957, and Hans Andrews, from the class of 1956 who celebrated his 50th reunion with his class, were reunited at the Sept. 9 "2006 GHS All-Alumni Reunion" at the Grayling Holiday Inn.

The only other known male cheerleader in the history of the school was Hans' uncle, Earl Nelson, deceased, who helped lead cheers at the school around 1922.

LaMonte, LaGrow and Andrews took up the challenge from the other cheerleaders to assist them in picking up the school spirit in the fall of 1955. Student spirit improved and away game busses with students increased from none to two per game by early January of 1956. Schools throughout the northern cities knew GHS basketball had great support with the roar of the crowds that accompanied

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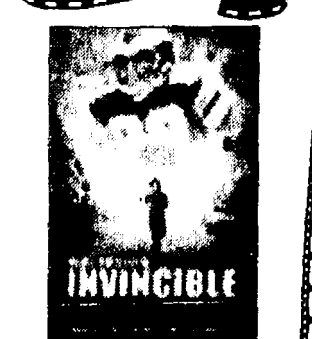
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Instructor: Priscilla Whiteford

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Length of Class: Continuing
Day of Class: Thursday
Time: 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Place: AuSable Primary -
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Instructor: Priscilla Whiteford

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Day of Class: Wednesday
Time: 6:00-8:00 p.m.
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Palmer selected as Camp Grayling Employee of the Year for 2006

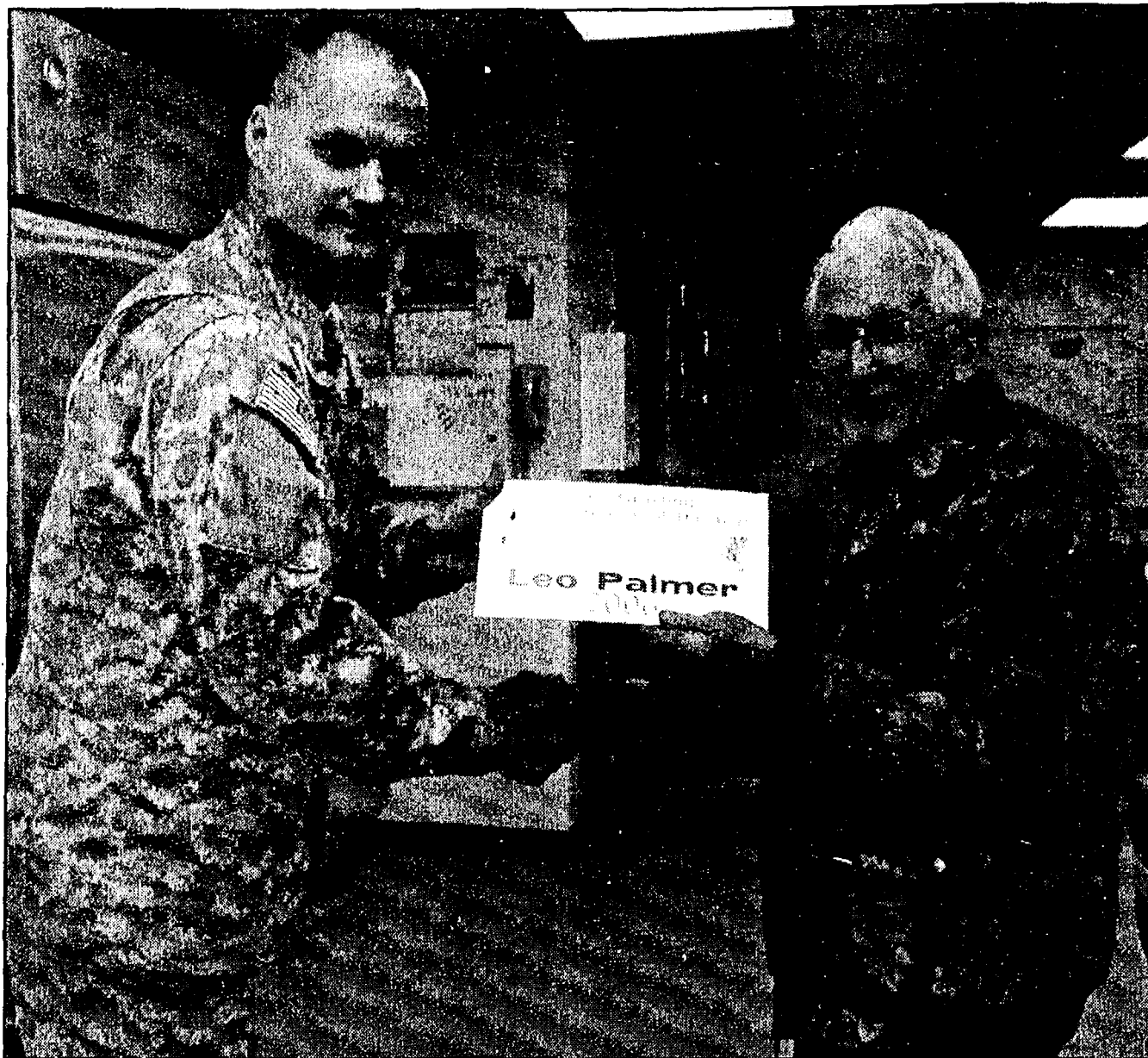
Camp Grayling announced that the Camp Grayling State employees have selected Mr. Leo Palmer, of Grayling, as the Camp Grayling State Employee of the Year for 2006.

This selection is based on meritorious service, achievement and recognized contributions to the operation of the installation. One state employee is selected by their peers based on overall effectiveness, efficiency and contributions to the overall mission. The employee must demonstrate outstanding duty performance that resulted in customer focus and installation mission success.

The recipient of this award is a well-respected and highly valued employee of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. Palmer was selected as this year's Employee of the Year and is employed in the Roads and

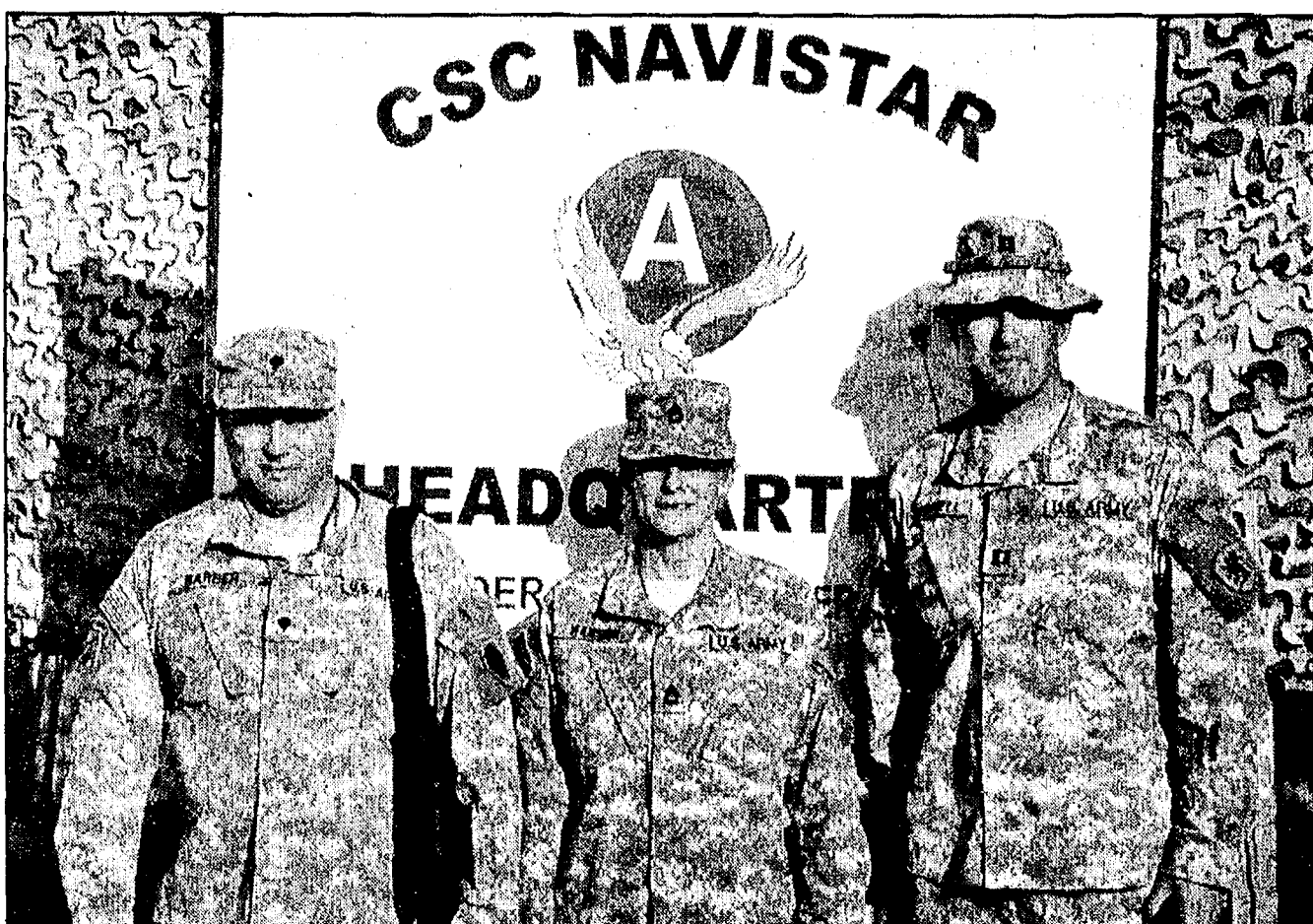
Grounds section of the Facility Engineering Division. Palmer has worked for camp Grayling since 1987 and just celebrated his 80th birthday.

As a result of this recognition, Capt. Dave Gillahan, facility Engineer presented him a Certificate of Recognition, with additional recognition at the annual Retirement and Recognition Dinner in November.



Pictured above CPT Gillahan (L) presenting Leo Palmer (R) with a Certificate of Recognition as the Camp Grayling State Employee of the Year for 2006.

MILITARY NEWS



Local soldiers from the Michigan National Guard that have been recently deployed to Iraq with the Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment of the 107th Quartermaster Battalion from Jackson are pictured above (L to R): Specialist Nick Barber of Roscommon, Sergeant First Class Janet Hanson of Grayling, Captain Brian Burrell of Grayling. Not pictured, Lieutenant Colonel Chris Golnick of Grayling, First Lieutenant Jenise Smith of Lewiston, and Private First Class Kimberly Sims of Roscommon.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled for the period of Sept. 28 - Oct. 4 is as follows:

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. 197 (Twin Bridge Rd.) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard during Sept. 28 - 29 and Oct. 2-4.

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SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 92 complaints the week of Sept. 18 - Sept. 24:

Four delinquent minors, five false alarms, one criminal sexual conduct/sexual assault, two assault/intimidation/stalkings, one assault and battery/simple assault, one telephone used for harassment, one burglary home/home invasion, nine larcenies, one motor vehicle theft, one

fraud by wire, two fraudulent activities;

Two damage to properties, one sex offenses/indecent exposure, five public peace/disorderlies, one OUIL/UBAL, two health and safeties, one conservation, one miscellaneous arrest, 10 traffic accidents, one traffic safety public appearance, six civil matters/family disputes, 11 suspicious situations;

One lost and found property,

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Varsity football team wins 33-0 at Harbor Springs

Friday's victory gives GHS a 3-0 league record

■ **Vikings defeat Rams on the road to improve overall season record to 4-1**

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

Grayling High School's varsity football team moved to 3-0 in the Lake Michigan Conference with a 33-0 victory at Harbor Springs on Friday. The Vikings are 4-1 overall so far this season.

The first three possessions of the Grayling vs. Harbor Springs game ended with punts.

The Vikings scored the first touchdown of the game with a 63-yard drive. The possession included a 9-yard pass from quarterback Jeff Bancroft to Josh Stapleton on 3rd and 8 and a 29-yard pass from Bancroft to Geo Bindschatel on 3rd and 10. Grayling finished the series with a 14-yard

TD pass from Bancroft to Nick Parkinson. The extra point kick missed, and GHS led 6-0.

Harbor Springs punted after three plays. Grayling moved from its 29-yard line to Harbor Springs's 37-yard line with a pass play to Adam Gabriel. Bancroft ran for 17 yards on the next play. On 1st and 10, Grayling fumbled and Harbor Springs recovered.

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See "VARSITY..."



Coach Tim Sanchez talks to Viking players before last Friday's game at Harbor Springs.

JV football squad defeats Rams 40-22

■ **Vikings win home game vs. Harbor Springs to improve season record to 4-1**

The GHS junior varsity football team defeated the Harbor Springs Rams 40-22 last Thursday at Grayling High School. The victory improved Grayling's season record to 4-1.

The Vikings scored first on a 5-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Jimmy Osga to Spencer Dean. Osga passed to Dean for the two-point conversion, and GHS led 8-0.

Harbor Springs scored on a 15-yard reverse run and added two points on the conversion with a running play. The Rams capped their next drive with a 3-yard TD run. The conversion attempt failed, and Harbor Springs led 14-8.

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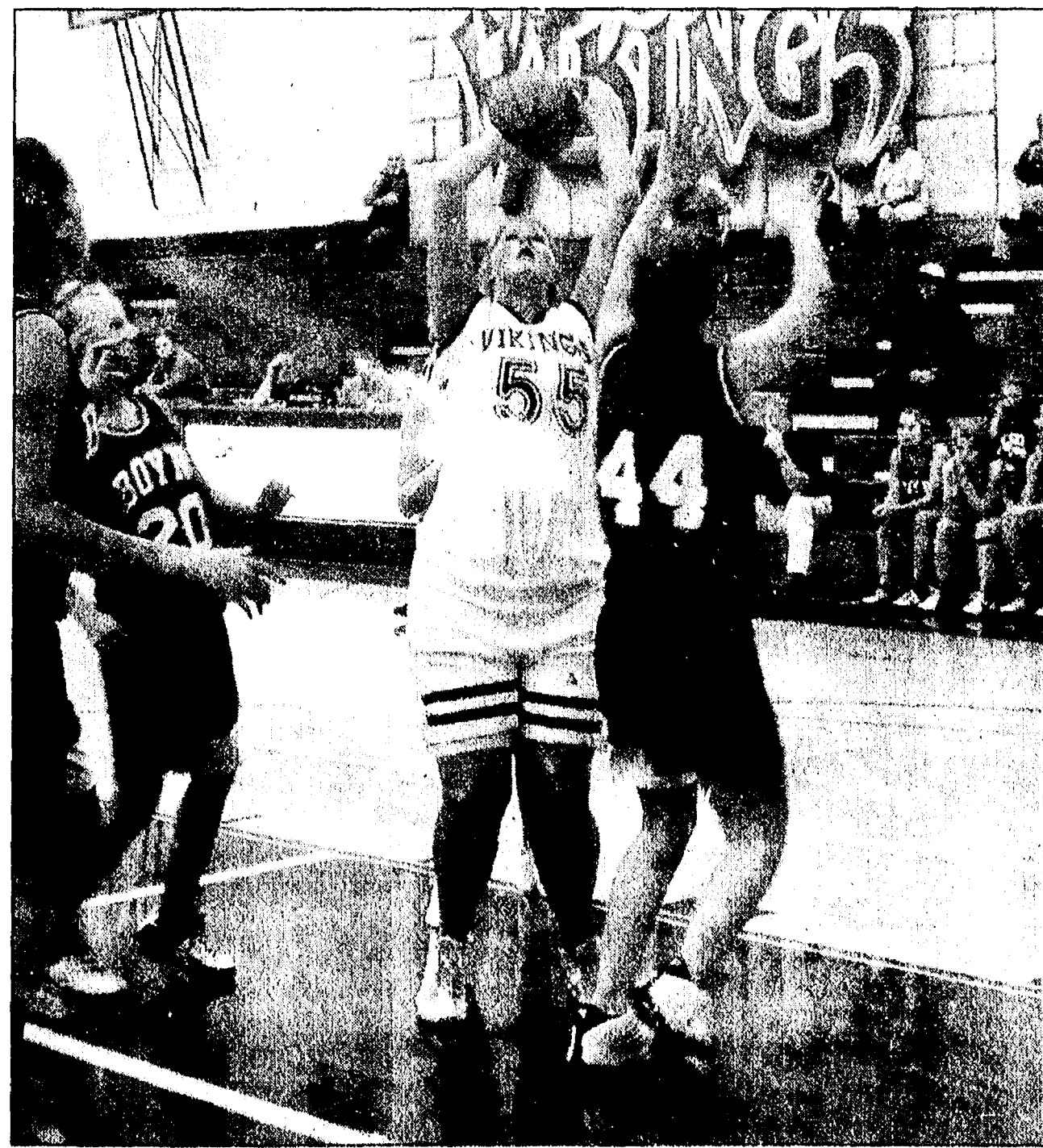


Quarterback Jimmy Osga looks for an open receiver during Thursday's game against Harbor Springs.




Dustin Russo runs the ball for the Vikings last Thursday vs. the Harbor Springs Rams.

JV, varsity basketball teams host Boyne City



(Left) Elizabeth Dandy battles for position under the basket during last Thursday's Grayling vs. Boyne City JV girls basketball contest at GHS. (Right) Laura Boylan shoots for Grayling's varsity squad on Thursday night. Boyne City won both games. For more, see Page 2B.

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Varsity girls basketball team loses both of its games last week

On Tuesday, the GHS varsity girls basketball team lost a game at Gaylord by a final score of 53-42.

The Blue Devils of Gaylord led 30-17 at halftime and took a 38-28 advantage into the fourth period.

"We got behind early and could never recover. I thought our girls played a good second half. They played with good intensity, but we need to execute better and take care of the ball," Coach L.J. Mead said.

Laura Boylan had 16 points, 10 rebounds, and 3 steals for GHS. Tiffany Davis had 10 points and 5 rebounds. Ashley Bindschatel had 7 points, 5

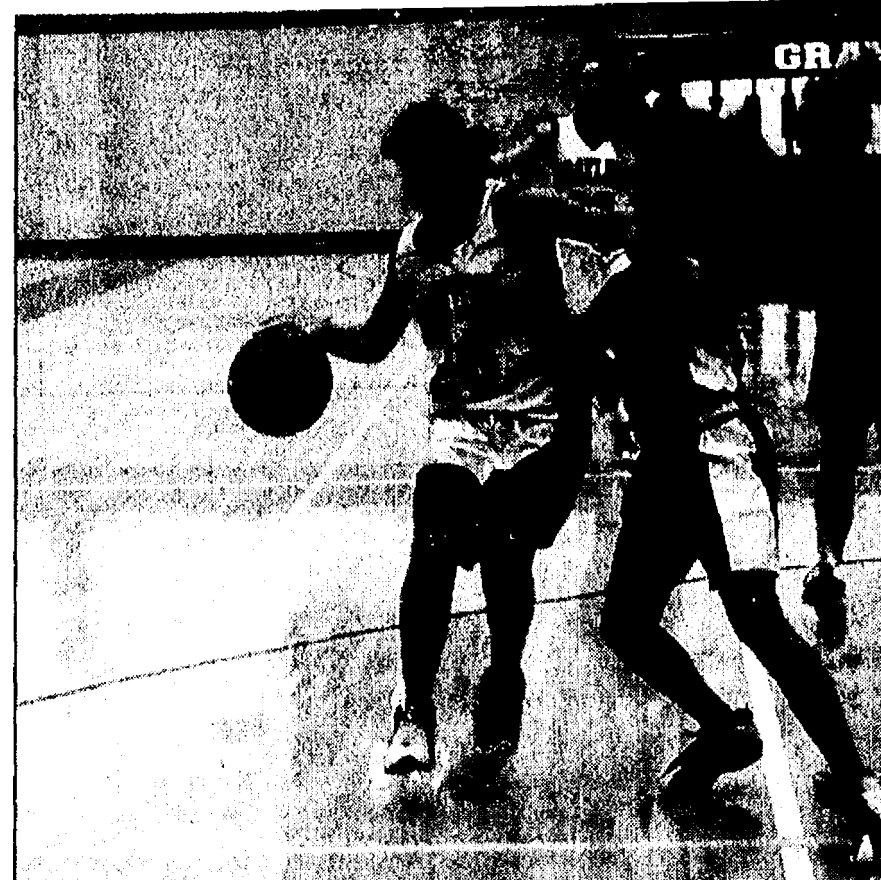
rebounds, 5 assists, and 4 steals. Abby Wheeler had 6 points, 2 assists, 1 steal, and 4 deflections. Annie Melroy had 2 points, 3 assists, and 2 steals.

On Thursday, Grayling lost a home game vs. Boyne City 73-37.

Boylan had 14 points and 9 rebounds. Wheeler had 9 points, 2 rebounds, 2 blocks, and 2 steals. Melroy had 5 points and 2 assists. Rachel Doremire had 4 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist, and 1 steal. Davis had 3 points, 4 rebounds, and 2 steals. Monica Peters had 2 points and 1 rebound.

The GHS junior varsity basketball team also lost to Boyne City on Thursday night. The Ramblers won the game by a final score of 62-28.

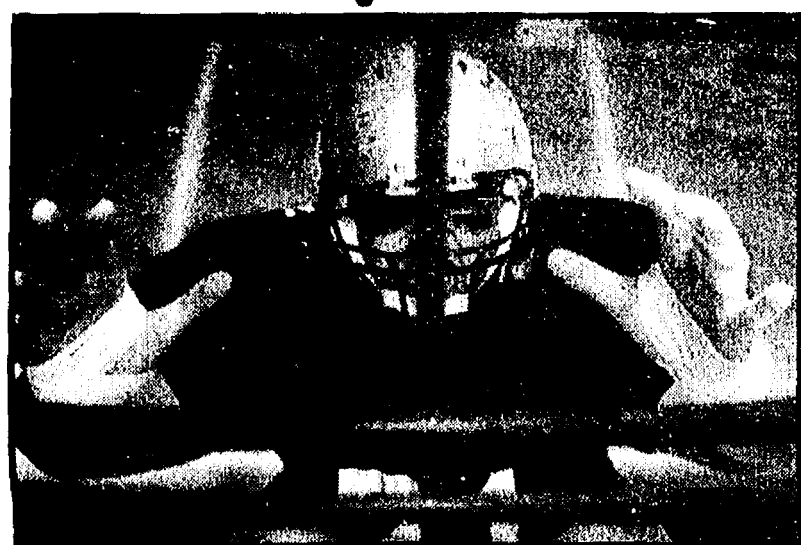
The Vikings play at Charlevoix on Thursday, Sept. 28.



Jessica Bindschatel handles the ball for the JV Vikings vs. Boyne City on Thursday.

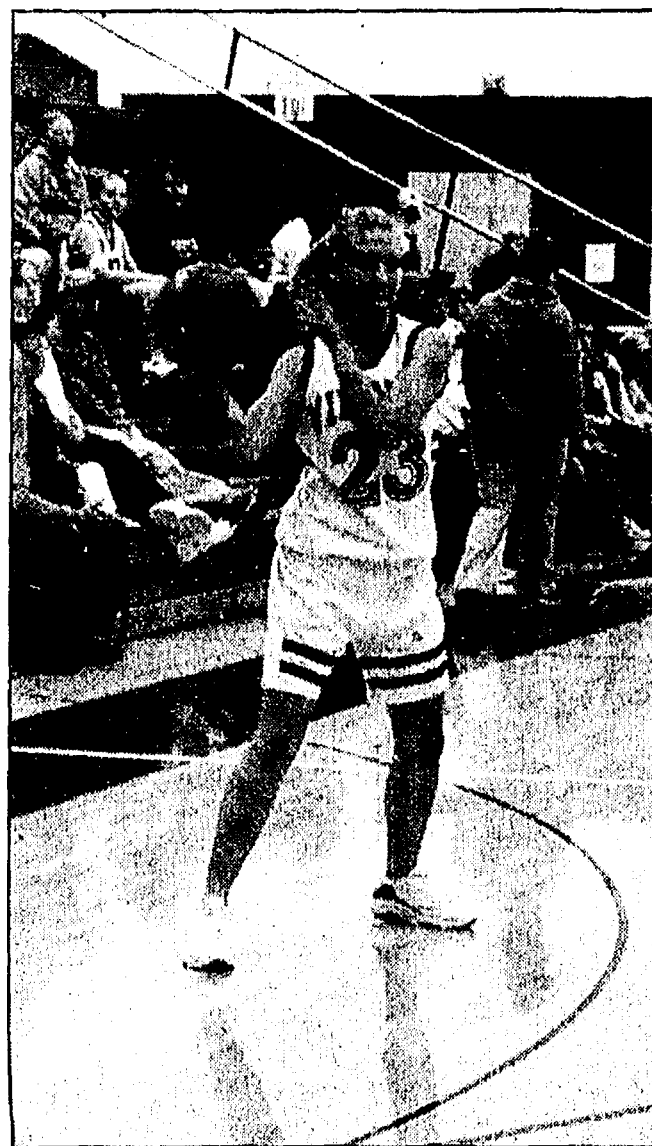
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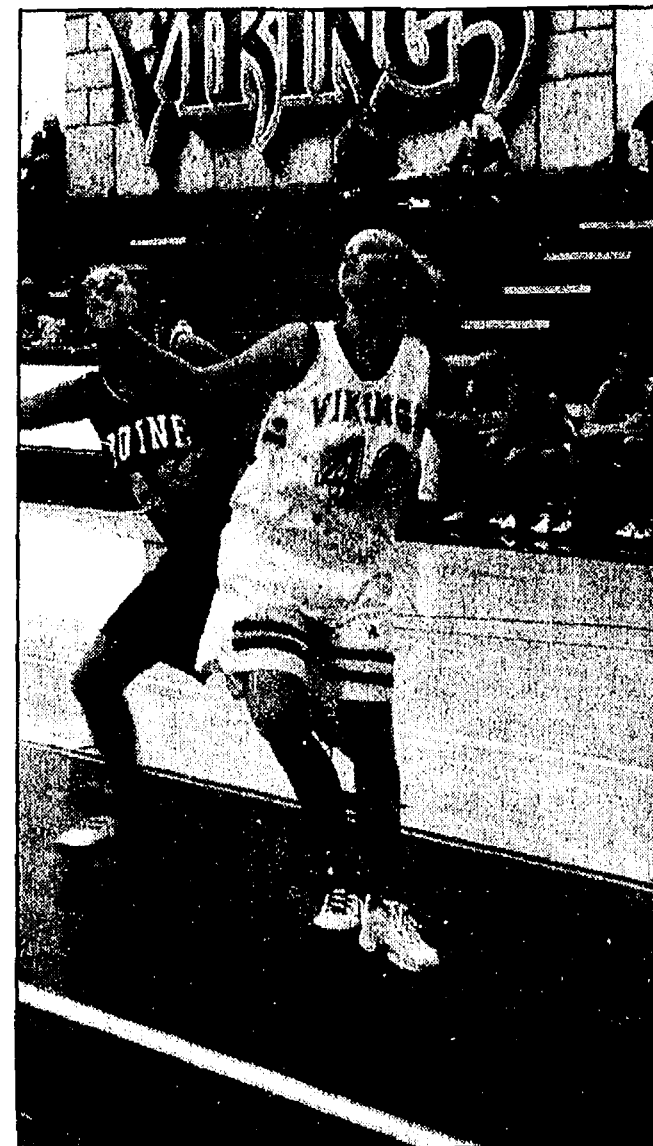


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(Left) Rachel Doremire passes the ball to a teammate during Thursday's varsity girls basketball game against Boyne City. (Center) Monica Peters sets up for a rebound on Thursday. (Right) Tiffany Davis shoots a free throw for GHS.



Golf team wins vs. Houghton Lake

During a meet last Friday at Grayling Country Club, the GHS varsity and junior varsity golf teams both finished ahead of Houghton Lake. Grayling's varsity squad posted a 160, the JV team finished at 181, and

Houghton Lake had a score of 202.

Individual scores for Grayling included: Andrew Hart 39, Taylor DesEnfants 40, Joel Collen 40, Trent Larm 40, Rocky McNamara 41, Derek Etzler 43, Aaron Nemeth 47, Scot Olson 48, Jason Wilson 48, Mike Olson 49, Josh Johnson 49, Jon Lovely 51, Mike Zill 51, Drew Kuhn 61.

"Our best score of the season. Houghton Lake's best individual score was 45 and we had six players better than that," Coach Herb Olson said.

On Wednesday, Grayling competed in an eight-team Lake Michigan Conference meet hosted by East Jordan at the Mallard course.

Final team scores: Elk Rapids 156, Traverse City St. Francis 157, Charlevoix 159, Harbor Springs 162, Kalkaska 171,

Grayling 174, East Jordan 186, Boyne City 192.

Individual scores for GHS included: Wilson 43, DesEnfants 43, S. Olson 44, McNamara 44, Larm 44, Hart 46.

"Very consistent play from our guys, with just three strokes separating our whole team. This was Elk Rapids's first league win and St. Francis's first league defeat," Coach Olson said.

On Sept. 15, Grayling played Roscommon at Forest Dunes. Roscommon had a 171 and Grayling finished at 195.

Viking scores included: McNamara 47, S. Olson 48, Hart 50, Collen 50, Larm 50, DesEnfants 53.

"One of our longest courses of the year. Forest Dunes proved to be a little too tough for our boys," Coach Olson said.

On Sept. 12, the Vikings com-

peted in a league meet hosted by Elk Rapids at Sundance.

Team scores: TCSF 153, Charlevoix 162, Harbor Springs 168, Kalkaska 175, Elk Rapids 181, Grayling 189, Boyne City 199, East Jordan 204.

Scores for GHS included: (varsity) McNamara 46, Wilson 47, S. Olson 48, Larm 48, DesEnfants 49, Hart 57, (JV) Collen 44, M. Olson 47, Josh Bofisyl 48, Zill 59, Lovely 61, Johnson 66.

"The boys got to play a beautiful new course at the A-Ga-Ming golf complex called Sundance, with the varsity on one side and the JVs on the other. Our JVs were led by Joel Collen shooting a 44 and our varsity by Rocky McNamara carding a 46," Coach Olson said.

The Vikings will compete in the Traverse City Central Invitational on Friday, Sept. 29.

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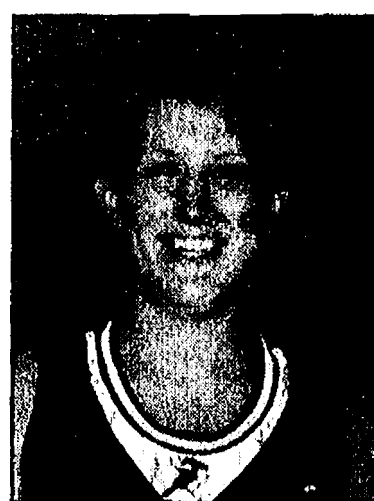
Boys Soccer
Coach: Loren Cobb

JANOSCH KLUGE

Janosch, a foreign exchange student from Germany, made a penalty kick save with one minute left in the game to hold a 1-0 lead.

Wendy's

Viking of the Week



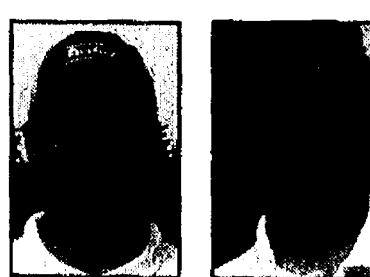
Girls Basketball
Coach: L.J. Mead

LAURA BOYLAN

Laura had 16 points, 10 rebounds, and 3 steals vs. Gaylord and 14 points and 9 rebounds against Boyne City. "Laura leads our team in scoring and rebounding as a sophomore. She is going to be a good one," her coach said.

Wendy's

Vikings of the Week



Trent Larm

Jason Wilson

Boys Golf
Coach: Herb Olson

TRENT LARM & JASON WILSON

Trent, a sophomore, played some great golf the past two weeks including his season's best score (40). Jason, a sophomore, tied for the team's best score at the LMC tournament in East Jordan.

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JV football squad defeats Rams 40-22

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The Vikings tied the contest with a 13-yard touchdown pass from Osga to Justin Farnsworth. Osga ran the ball into the end zone on the conversion try for two points, giving GHS a 16-14 advantage.

Eric Ferrigan intercepted a Harbor Springs pass and returned the ball 40 yards to help set up a 5-yard TD run by Dustin Russo. Osga passed to Dean for two points on the conversion. Grayling had a 24-14 lead.

Following a 37-yard pass from Osga to Tyler Steffy, Osga completed a 20-yard TD pass to Dean. Osga passed to Farnsworth for the two-point conversion, and GHS led 32-14.

Dean recovered a Harbor Springs fumble to get Grayling the ball back at the 10-yard line, and Russo finished the possession with a 9-yard TD run. Osga passed to Dean to complete the two-point conversion.

The Rams scored the final touchdown of the contest.

Grayling won by a final score of 40-22.

The Vikings finished with 180



Coach Chris Kucharek talks to his players during a first half time-out on Thursday night.

rushing yards on 46 carries with two touchdowns. The team passed for 143 yards and three TDs in the contest.

"We gave up two early TDs because I didn't prepare the kids

properly," Coach Chris Kucharek said. "Once the kids made some great on the field adjustments they dominated the game, outscoring Harbor Springs 34-6."

"I was proud of the way our kids handled themselves on the field," Coach Ron Wyman said.

The Vikings will play at Kalkaska on Thursday, Sept. 28, at 6 p.m.



Justin Farnsworth returns a kickoff for Grayling vs. Harbor Springs on Thursday.



Matt Haight carries the ball for the Vikings against the Harbor Springs Rams.

GRAYLING REDSKINS FOOTBALL

Junior Varsity (7th grade)

The Grayling Redskins junior varsity team raised its season

record to 6-0 with a 25-12 victory over Alpena -- a squad that was also unbeaten going into Saturday's contest.

The Redskins' running game was successful, with fullbacks Steven Enos and Ryan Randall and tailbacks Trevor Dewitt and Craig Collen picking up positive yardage throughout the day. Linemen Griffin Dean, Nick Dorn, Derek Babbitt, Cam Wilson, Jared Carlisle, Jeff Brunell, Joe Latuzek, and Thomas Burrell opened running lanes throughout the contest.

Collen scored the opening touchdown on a jumbo sweep following the blocks of Dean and Enos for a 21-yard TD. Zane Tobin passed to David Bergan for the extra point. Enos scored the team's next two touchdowns on runs of two and nine yards. A 34-yard "tight end bomb" from Tobin to Bergan finished the scoring for the Redskins.

Defensive coach Mo Enos said he was pleased with the "all out

effort" of the squad's defensive unit. The Redskins forced five fumbles in the game. Dean, Babbitt, Randall, Carlisle, and Avery Bergman all had fumble recoveries for the Redskins. Russell Stein, Brandon Bieda, Brandon Young, and Cody Elmy all contributed on defense and Nick Wells and Dorn played well on special teams.

"Our players have gotten better every week and continue to elevate their game. Their focus and execution for this game was a continuation for their hard work in practice," Coach Rocky Tobin said.

The Redskins will finish their 2006 season with a home game vs. Cheboygan on Saturday, Sept. 30, at 2 p.m.

Freshman 1 (5th-6th grade)

The Grayling Redskins freshman 1 squad tied the Alpena Jets -- a team that was 5-0 going into the contest -- 0-0 at Redskin Field on Saturday.

"Great defensive game. Alpena

was undefeated and they were averaging 28 points a game. Our 'D' was big today," Coach Jeff Parkinson said. "Both offensive units were unable to really get any drives going today. We had a tough time but had one good drive to their 10-yard line, but they held."

"Wes Dean had many key tackles to stop their drives. Jeff Meyers had a fumble recovery in the fourth quarter to set us up for a shot to win, but again they stopped us," Coach Parkinson said. "It was a back and forth game, each of us waiting for that one big break away, but each defense held."

"All season our defense has been tough. Every team has said our pursuit has been the best they have seen all season," Coach Parkinson said.

The Redskins are now 4-1-1. The team will finish its 2006 season with a home game against the Ogemaw Browns at 12 noon on Saturday, Sept. 30.

KIRTLAND BASKETBALL

Basketball fans and nightowls have their best chance of getting a sneak preview of the Kirtland Firebirds men's and women's basketball teams this weekend when the teams participate in their annual "Midnight Madness" celebration, an Oct. 1 workout that begins the minute after the month of September ends.

As always, the event is free and open to the public. Kirtland's Lady Firebirds -- featuring seven Northern Michigan players -- will have an intra-squad scrimmage at

12:01 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 1. The men's team, led by sophomores Matt Tompkins and Sal Kabara, will hold its scrimmage starting at 1:05 a.m.

The games will take place on Kirtland's home court, the CRAF Center, located next to the court house in downtown Roscommon.

Oct. 1 is the first day that colleges can conduct organized basketball practices. Until then, players get themselves into shape by running, lifting weights and practicing during open-gym

workouts.

This is the best chance available for spectators to get a sneak preview of this year's Firebirds. The women's team is being coached this year by former assistant coach, Tom Ritter. Returning to coach the men's team is Glen Donahue, the winningest coach in Michigan college basketball, entering his 50th season on the bench.

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Varsity football team wins 33-0 at Harbor Springs

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The Rams moved into Grayling territory but punted on the ninth play of the possession (4th and 4).

On 3rd and 2, Harbor Springs picked off a tipped Grayling pass.

On 3rd and 9 of the resulting series, Parkinson intercepted a Harbor Springs pass to get the ball back for Grayling.

Grayling gained 10 yards on a pass to Bindschatel and 24 yards on a pass to Isaac VanNuck. On 1st and 10 from the 30-yard line of Harbor Springs, Parkinson made a diving catch in the end zone for a touchdown. Jason Drudge kicked the extra point, and the Vikings had a 13-0 lead.

The next two possessions — one by each team — ended with punts. Harbor Springs ran four plays and turned the ball over on downs.

Grayling started at Harbor Springs's 37-yard line with 53 seconds left in the first half. Bancroft ran for 13 yards on 2nd and 11 to bring up 1st and 10 at the 25-yard line. On the next play, Bancroft completed a pass to Stapleton for a touchdown. Drudge kicked the extra point and Grayling led 20-0.

The Vikings and Rams punted on their first drives of the second half. On its second possession of the third quarter, Grayling scored a touchdown on a 20-yard pass from Bancroft to VanNuck. Drudge kicked the extra point and the Vikings led 27-0.

Harbor Springs drove from its 43-yard line to Grayling's 27-yard line on six plays. After two penalties and three defensive stops by Grayling, Harbor Springs fumbled the snap on a punt attempt and GHS took over on downs.

The Vikings started at their 33-yard line. A run by Ryan Cooper and a pass to Stapleton gained enough for a first down. Cooper ran for 13 yards on 2nd and 10. A

pass to Parkinson on 2nd and 8 gained 10 yards. On 2nd and 10, Cooper scored on a 29-yard TD run. The extra point kick missed. GHS led 33-0.

Harbor Springs turned the ball over on downs. Grayling punted and the Rams punted.

Runs by quarterback Geo Bindschatel and Gabriel gained 17 yards and a first down. On 4th and 7, GHS attempted a field goal but the kick missed to the right.

The Rams fumbled on the third play of the next series and Bindschatel recovered the ball for GHS.

Grayling fumbled on 3rd and 1 and Harbor Springs recovered the loose ball.

On the first play of the resulting possession, VanNuck intercepted a Harbor Springs pass, giving GHS the ball 32 yards from the end zone with 2:35 remaining in the contest.

Runs by Bindschatel and Jon George picked up a first down, and Grayling killed the final seconds to finish with a 33-0 conference win.

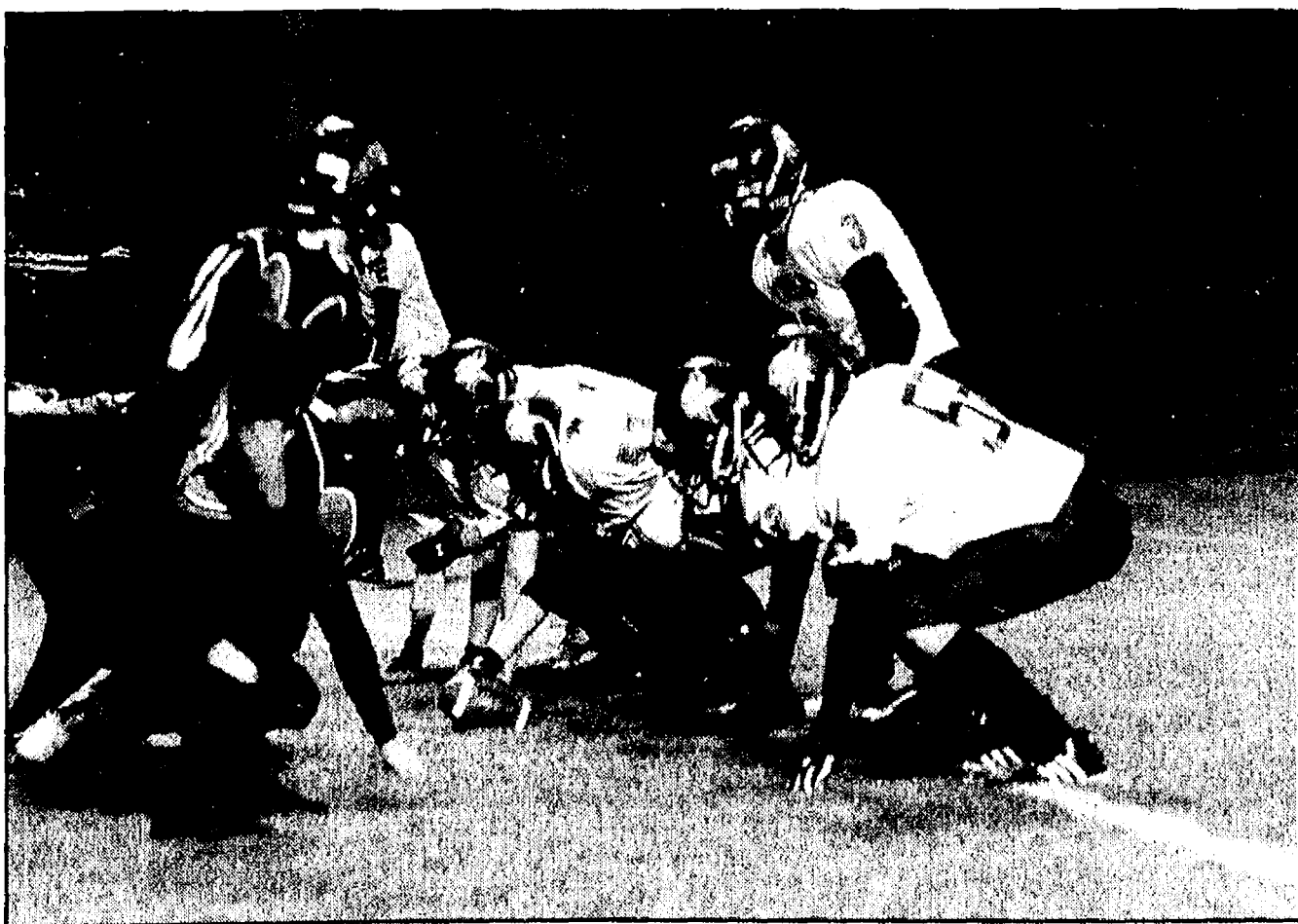
"Our defense now has six straight quarters without being scored upon. We have now forced 16 turnovers on the season against our opponents. I can't say enough about how proud I am of Coach (Tim) Sanchez and Coach (Ben) DeHoog being able to prepare our defense for this season. We only had three returning starters from last year — Jeff Bancroft, Nick Parkinson, and Tim VanNuck. This completely goes to show everyone that it is not about athletes in our system. It is about scheme and preparation and there is no one in the state of Michigan better than Tim Sanchez. Don't get me wrong, we will be going against very tough competition in the next four weeks and they will have the horses to score against us. But what I know for sure is that our

preparation will be the best that it possibly can be," Coach Ben Brock said.

"Our two seniors on offense carried us through the air when Harbor Springs put nine guys in the box to stop our ground and pound running game. Both Jeff Bancroft and Nick Parkinson made outstanding plays to give us a comfortable lead and also to give our starters a rest for the entire fourth quarter. Bancroft finished 17 for 27 passing for 260 yards and four touchdowns. Parkinson finished with five receptions for 85 yards and two touchdowns. Isaac VanNuck hauled in three passes for 65 yards and a touchdown. Josh Stapleton also had four grabs for 48 yards and a touchdown. Geo Bindschatel and Adam Gabriel also made a few first down catches for us offensively. Ryan Cooper rushed for 72 yards and a 31 yard touchdown on only 13 carries. Due to their defense we were not able to get Tim VanNuck the ball as much as we would have liked," Coach Brock said.

"Defensively, Bancroft had 15 tackles and a sack. Tim VanNuck had 13 tackles and two sacks. Bindschatel had 11 tackles, two sacks, and a fumble recovery. Both VanNuck and Bindschatel have really developed into the players that we were expecting during our off season evaluations. They are tutored by Coach DeHoog and under his guidance they make really quick reads and punish ball carriers," Coach Brock said. "Nick Parkinson also had 9 tackles and an interception. Tory Myers had 7 tackles, Isaac VanNuck had an interception, and Matt McDonald had a sack. It will take a collaborative effort for us to win in the upcoming weeks against tough competition."

The Vikings will play their homecoming game this Friday against Kalkaska at 7 p.m.



Grayling's offense runs a play against the Rams at Harbor Springs on Friday night.

Soccer team wins two out of three road games

■ Vikings win at East Jordan and West Branch Ogemaw Heights

The Grayling High School boys soccer team won two of its three road games last week, defeating West Branch on Friday and winning at East Jordan on

Monday.

On Monday evening, the Vikings won 7-2 at East Jordan. Tony Florival scored three goals for GHS and Spencer Derenzy, Justin Summers, Janosch Kluge, and Adam Crittenden each had one goal for the Vikings.

On Thursday, the Vikings lost 2-1 at Elk Rapids. Florival

scored Grayling's goal.

On Friday, the Vikings defeated the West Branch Ogemaw Heights Falcons 1-0 at West Branch. Crittenden scored the only goal of the game.

The Vikings are now 6-5.

Grayling will host the Boyne City Ramblers at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 28.

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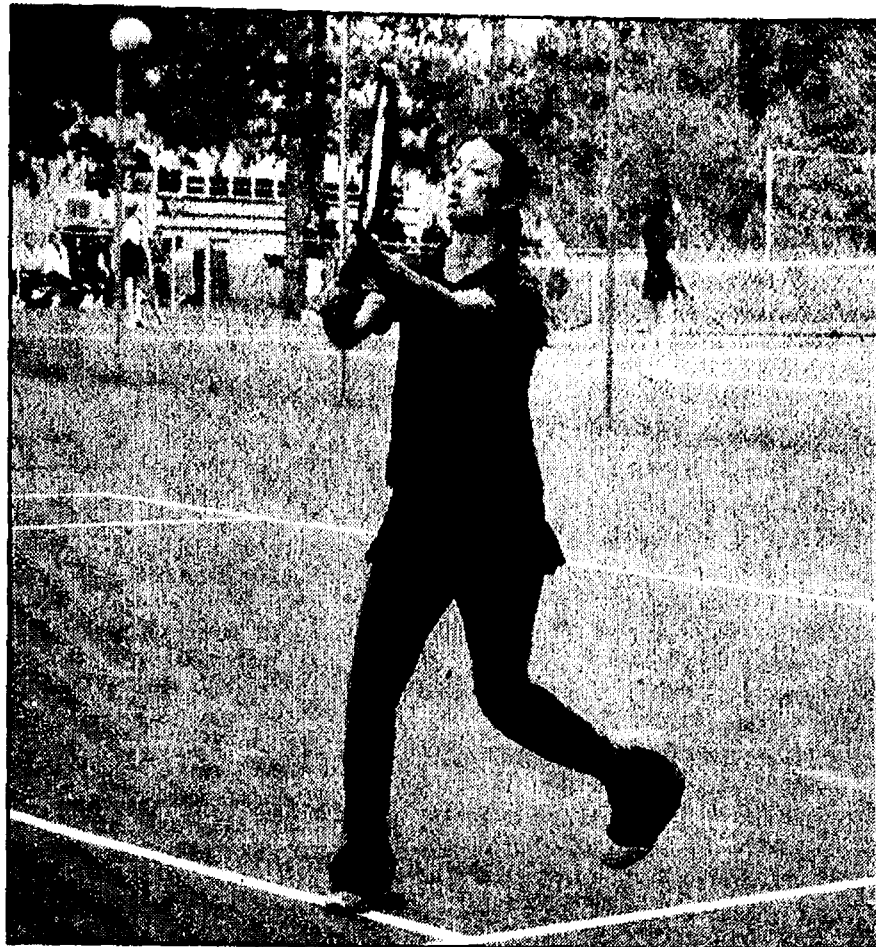
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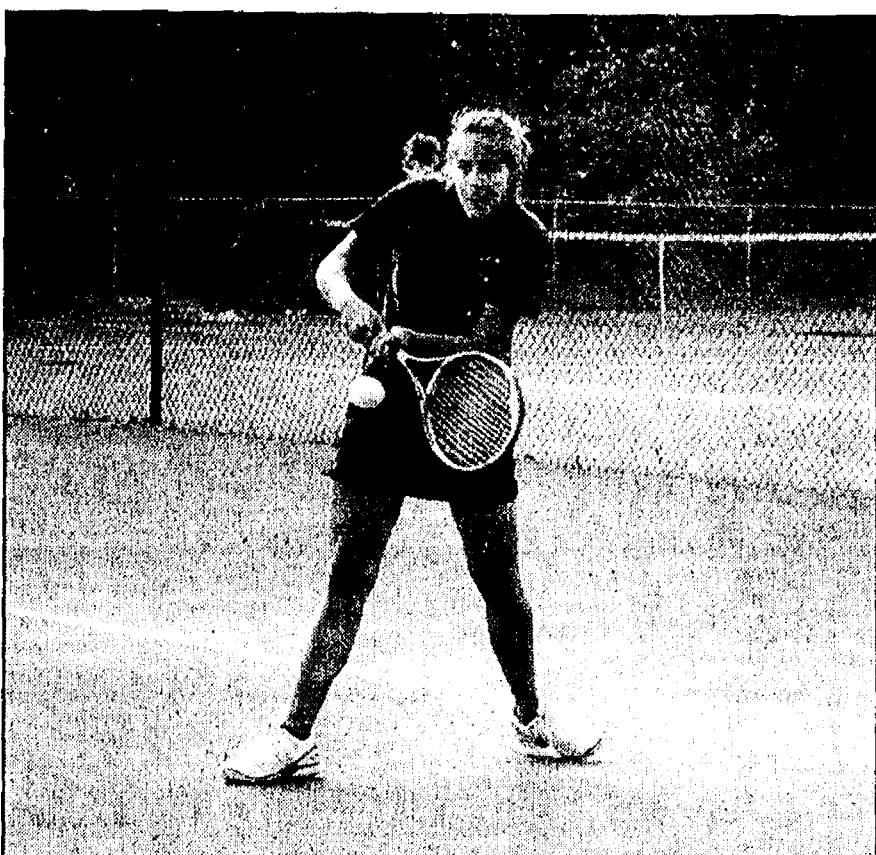
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Tennis team hosts Elk Rapids



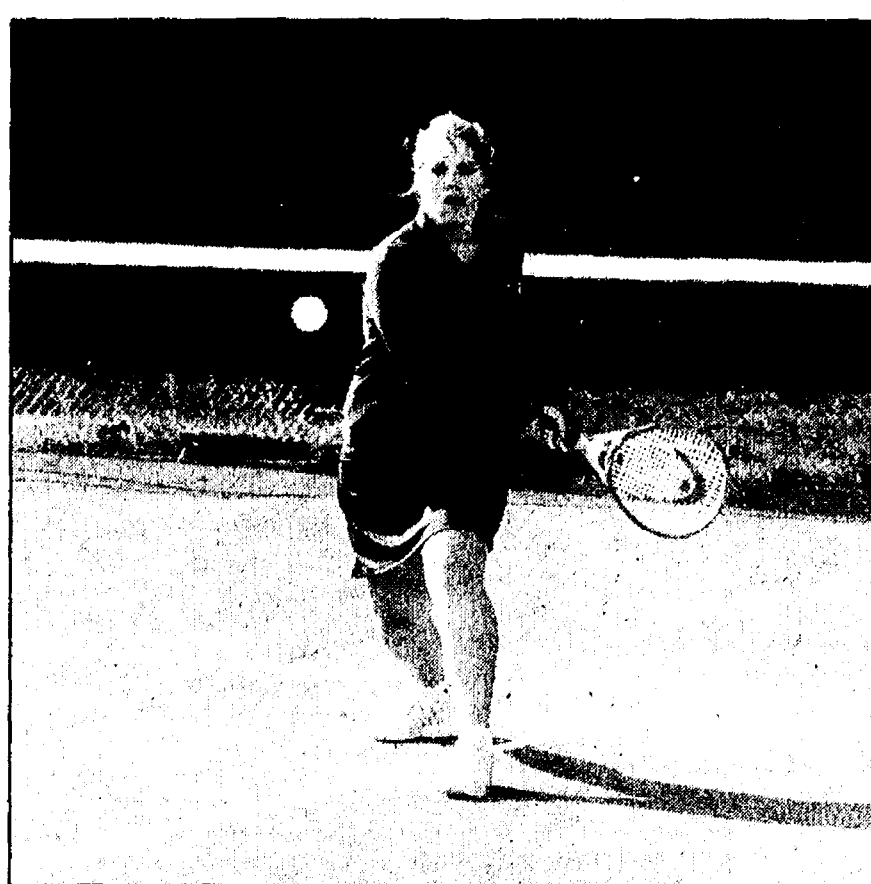
Katie Zill returns a ball during last Wednesday's home tennis meet vs. Elk Rapids.



Rachel Kaiser plays a singles match vs. Elk Rapids last Wednesday.



Mollie Golnick hits the ball while playing in a singles match for GHS on Wednesday.



Tiffany Shinew hits a ball for Grayling vs. Elk Rapids on Wednesday.



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LEGAL ACTION

MORTGAGE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Nova E. Byford, an adult woman, and Thorhallur Olafsson, a single man, mortgagors, to First National Bank of Gaylord, n/k/a Independent Bank, mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated October 16, 2002, and was recorded on October 23, 2002, in Liber 603 on pages 56 through 64 of the Crawford County records. Part of the collateral was released by a Partial Release dated February 6, 2006, and recorded February 13, 2006, at Liber 679, Pages 823-824. The balance owing on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is \$146,924.90, including interest at 7.625% per year. The Mortgage contains a power of sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on Wednesday, October 11, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Crawford County Court Facility, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan, that being the place of holding Circuit Court for Crawford County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the Township of Lovells, County of Crawford, Michigan and is described as:

PARCEL A:

That part of the S 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 19, T28N, R1W desc. as: Comm. at the E 1/4 corner of said Sec. 19; thence N 83° 02' 00" W along the E-W 1/4 line of said Sec., 1572.87 ft. to the POB; thence N 00° 18' 38" W, 528.00 ft.; thence S 63° 14' 48" W, 221.57 ft.; thence S 00° 18' 38" E, 404.00 ft. to the said E-W 1/4 line; thence S 83° 02' 00" E along said E-W 1/4 line, 200.00 ft. to said POB.

PARCEL B:
That part of the S 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 19, T28N, R1W desc. as: Comm. at the E 1/4 corner of said Sec. 19; thence N 83° 02' 00" W along the E-W 1/4 line of said Sec., 1772.87 ft. to the POB; thence N 00° 18' 38" W, 280.00 ft.; thence S 83° 02' 00" W, 142.38 ft.; thence S 03° 35' 11" E, 282.52 ft. to the said E-W 1/4 line; thence S 83° 02' 00" E along said E-W 1/4 line, 126.10 ft. to the said POB.

PARCEL C:
The part of the S 1/2 of the NE 1/4 Sec. 19, T28N, R1W desc. as: Comm. at the E 1/4 corner of said Sec. 19; thence N 83° 02' 00" W along the E-W 1/4 line of said Sec., 1972.87 ft. to the POB; thence N 00° 18' 38" W, 280.00 ft.; thence S 83° 02' 00" W, 142.38 ft.; thence S 03° 35' 11" E, 282.52 ft. to the said E-W 1/4 line; thence S 83° 02' 00" E along said E-W 1/4 line, 126.10 ft. to the said POB.

PARCEL E:
That part of the S 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 19, T28N, R1W desc. as: Comm. at the E 1/4 corner of said Sec. 19; thence N 83° 02' 00" W along the E-W 1/4 line of said Sec., 1572.87 ft. to the POB; thence N 00° 18' 38" W, 528.00 ft. to the POB; thence N 47° 26' 32" E, 287.55 ft. to the E right-of-way line of an old railroad; thence SW 1/4 by 250.33 ft. along said right-of-way line and the arc of a 2994.69 ft. radius curve to the right, chord of S 45° 26' 40" W 250.26 ft.; thence S 36° 06' 44" E, 195.09 ft.; thence N 63° 14' 48" E, 308.14 ft. to the said POB. Subject to and Together with a 66 ft. wide easement for ingress, egress and the installation and maintenance of

public and private utilities, the centerline of which is described as that part of the S 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 19, T28N, R1W described as being a strip of land 66 ft. in width, lying 33 ft. on each side of and adjacent to a line described as commencing at the E 1/4 corner of said Sec. 19; thence N 83° 02' 00" W along the E-W 1/4 line of said Sec., 1972.87 ft. to the POB; thence N 00° 18' 38" W, 280.00 ft.; thence continuing said 66 ft. wide easement lying N of and adjacent to the following described line; thence N 63° 14' 48" E, 443.14 ft.; thence N 39° 46' 27" E, 490.00 ft.; thence S 82° 52' 35" E, 837.67 ft. to the Point of Ending.

PARCEL G:
That part of the S 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 19, T28N, R1W desc. as: Comm. at the E 1/4 corner of said Sec. 19; thence N 83° 02' 00" W along the E-W 1/4 line of said Sec., 1572.87 ft. to the POB; thence N 00° 18' 38" W, 528.00 ft. to the POB; thence N 47° 26' 32" E, 287.55 ft. to the E right-of-way line of an old railroad; thence NE 1/4 by 172.25 ft. along said right-of-way line and the arc of a 2994.69 ft. radius curve to the left, chord of N 41° 24' 06" E, 172.23 ft.; thence N 39° 46' 27" E along said right-of-way line, 137.60 feet; thence S 47° 26' 32" E, 282.65 ft.; thence S 39° 46' 27" W, 310.00 ft. to the said Point of Beginning. Subject to and Together with a 66 ft. wide easement for ingress, egress and the installation and maintenance of public and private utilities, the centerline of which is described as that part of the S 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 19, T28N, R1W described as being a strip of land 66 ft. in width, lying 33 ft. on each side of and adjacent to a line desc. as comm. at the E 1/4 corner of said Sec. 19; thence N 83° 02' 00" W along the E-W 1/4 line of said Sec., 1572.87 ft. to the POB; thence N 00° 18' 38" W, 280.00 ft.; thence continuing said 66 ft. wide easement lying N of and adjacent to the following described line; thence N 63° 14' 48" E, 443.14 ft.; thence N 39° 46' 27" E, 490.00 ft.; thence S 82° 52' 35" E, 837.67 ft. to the Point of Ending.

PARCEL H:

That part of the S 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 19, T28N, R1W desc. as: Comm. at the E 1/4 corner of said Sec. 19; thence N 83° 02' 00" W along the E-W 1/4 line of said Sec., 1572.87 ft.; thence N 00° 18' 38" W, 528.00 ft.; thence N 39° 46' 27" E, 310.00 ft. to the POB; thence continuing N 39° 46' 27" E, 180.00 ft.; thence N 05° 14' 01" W, 399.20 ft. to the N 1/8 line of said Sec. 19, also being the E right-of-way line of an old railroad; thence S 39° 46' 27" W along said right-of-way line, 448.51 ft.; thence S 47° 26' 32" E, 282.65 ft. to the said POB. Subject to and Together with a 66 ft. wide easement for ingress, egress and the installation and maintenance of public and private utilities, the centerline of which is described as that part of the S 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 19, T28N, R1W, described as being a strip of land 66 ft. in width, lying 33 ft. on each side of and adjacent to a line described as commencing at the E 1/4 corner of said Sec. 19; thence N 83° 02' 00" W along the E-W 1/4 line of said Sec., 1972.87 ft. to the POB; thence N 00° 18' 38" W, 280.00 ft.; thence continuing said 66 ft. wide easement lying N of and adjacent to the following described line; thence N 63° 14' 48" E, 443.14 ft.; thence N 39° 46' 27" E, 490.00 ft.; thence S 82° 52' 35" E, 837.67 ft. to the Point of Ending.

PARCEL I:

The part of the S 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 19, T28N, R1W desc. as: Comm. at the E 1/4 corner of said Sec. 19; thence N 83° 02' 00" W along the E-W 1/4 line of said Sec., 1572.87 ft.; thence N 00° 18' 38" W, 528.00 ft. to the POB; thence N 39° 46' 27" E, 490.00 ft.; thence N 05° 14' 01" W, 399.20 ft. to the N 1/8 line of said Sec. 19, also being the E right-of-way line of an old railroad; thence S 82° 52' 35" E along said N 1/8 line, 872.22 ft.; thence S 00° 18' 38" E, 806.14 ft.; thence N 83° 02' 00" W, 1155.46 ft. (being parallel with the E-W 1/4 line of said Sec. 19) to the said POB. Subject to and Together with a 66

ft. wide easement for ingress, egress and the installation and maintenance of public and private utilities, the centerline of which is described as that part of the S 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 19, T28N, R1W described as being a strip of land 66 ft. in width lying 33 ft. on each side of and adjacent to a line described as commencing at the E 1/4 corner of said Sec. 19; thence N 83° 02' 00" W along the E-W 1/4 line of said Section 1972.87 ft. to the POB; thence N 00° 18' 38" W, 280.00 ft.; thence continuing 66 ft. wide easement lying N of and adjacent to the following described line; thence N 63° 14' 48" E, 443.14 ft.; thence N 39° 46' 27" E, 490.00 ft.; thence S 82° 52' 35" E, 837.67 ft. to the Point of Ending.

The redemption period will expire twelve (12) months from the date of the sale.

Dated: August 24, 2006

SMITH, MARTIN, POWERS & KNIER, P.C.
By: Henry L. Knier, Jr. (P16393)
Attorney For Independent Bank,
n/k/a First National Bank of Gaylord,
Mortgagee
900 Washington Ave., P.O. Box 219
Bay City, MI 48707
(989) 892-4574

-7-14-21-28-5

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE

IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.
ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.
MORTGAGE SALE: - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Daniel E. LaBarge and Debbie A. LaBarge, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to National City Mortgage Services Co., Mortgagee, dated January 21, 2003, and recorded on January 24, 2003 in Liber 617 on Page 277, and assigned by said Mortgage to National City Mortgage Co. as assignee by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy Thousand Two Hundred Ten And 17/100 Dollars (\$70,210.17), including interest at 5.625% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on October 18, 2006.
Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The North 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4, Section 2, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, less and excluding the West 329.62 feet of the North 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 2, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, Crawford County Records.
The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.
Dated: September 14, 2006
For more information, please call: FCT 348.593.1313
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025 5822
Isle #105035401
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LEGAL ACTION

Township seeks bids for snowplowing on Nels Drive

Grayling Township is seeking bids for snowplowing under a five-year special assessment program for Nels Drive, off Glenn Road.

Under the laws governing a special assessment, the township will pay an annual charge in March, after each winter season. This contract will go into effect immediately and expire after the last snowfall in the spring of 2011.

Please submit bids for snowplowing only, to: Terry Wright, Supervisor; PO Box 521; Grayling, MI 49738. All bids are due by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 11. Bids will be opened and the contract awarded at 7:00 p.m. that evening, in the township boardroom.

LOVELLS TOWNSHIP NOTICE SNOWPLOWING BIDS

LOVELLS TOWNSHIP will receive bids for the snowplowing of Lovells Township Hall, Fire Hall and Transfer Station sites #1 and #2 for the 2006-2007 season until 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 10, 2006 at the Township Hall offices.

Evidence of insurance must accompany all bids.

Snowplowing specifications can be obtained at the Township Hall between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. We can also be reached by calling 989-348-9215.

The township board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to award the bid to other than low bidders, and in general to make the award in any manner deemed by it, its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of Lovells township.

Cheryl Hopp
Lovells Township Clerk

Grayling Township seeks bids for snowplowing

Grayling Township is requesting bids for a two-year contract for snowplowing at the township hall, located at 2090 Viking Way and at the township recycling center, located at 4670 N. Down River Road. The following specifications apply:

1. Plow only when snow has reached a depth of 3-inches or more.
 2. Plow at town hall Monday through Friday, prior to 8:30 a.m. (must be finished by 8:30 a.m.). Do not plow sidewalks.
 3. Plow at recycling center Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, prior to 9:00 a.m. (must be finished by 9:00 a.m.).
 4. Be able to apply sand as requested.
 5. Contract to begin 11/01/06 and expire 3/30/08.
 6. Bidders must provide proof of insurance which indemnifies the township from liability in the case of personal or property damage.
 7. Contract will be paid from monthly statement, after township board approval on second Wednesday of each month.
 8. Bids are due by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 12. They will be opened and the award made at the board of trustees meeting after 7:45 p.m. that evening.
- Please contact Terry Wright, Supervisor, at the town hall for answers to further questions.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Joseph A Vannuck and Kimberly S Vannuck, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Grayling State Bank, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated October 31, 1994, and recorded on November 14, 1994 in Liber 386 on Page 211, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twenty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Six And 98/100 Dollars (\$21,706.98), including interest at 6.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on October 11, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 30, Township 25 North, Range 3 West; thence East 200 feet; thence South 400 feet; thence West 200 feet; thence North 400 feet to the Point of Beginning

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: September 7, 2006
For more information, please call:
FC C 248.593.1301
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #030529F02

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Anthony R Colvin and Peggy S Colvin, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Bank One N.A., Mortgagee, dated May 12, 2003, and recorded on June 12, 2003 in Liber 637 on Page 604, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Two Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Eight And 91/100 Dollars (\$72,228.91), including interest at 6.71% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on October 18, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot Numbered 39, Williams Wilderness, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 32, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: September 14, 2006
For more information, please call:
FC S 248.593.1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
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File #105417F01

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MORTGAGE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN

WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Vickie R. Odden and Timothy Odden, wife and husband, as tenants by the entirety, to Amerquest Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated June 17, 2005 and recorded August 5, 2005 in Liber 676, Page 573, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety and 34/100 Dollars (\$59,890.34) including interest at 9.8% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on OCTOBER 18, 2006.

Said premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The North one-half of the North one-half of the South one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 8 Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: September 14, 2006
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 199.3187

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Accepting Applications For Zoning Administrator And Zoning Board of Appeals Members

Job descriptions and applications are available at the Township Hall, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Applications will be accepted until October 6, 12:00 p.m.

NOTICE

Beaver Creek Township is accepting bids for snow plowing for the 2006-2007 season. Plowing to be done at the following locations:

1. Township Hall & Community Center to be plowed by 8:00 A.M. after snowfall of 3" or more.
2. Transfer Site on Merrio Rd. to be plowed prior to being opened at 8:00 A.M. on Saturdays, 1:00 P.M. on Sundays and 3:00 P.M. on Wednesdays. On occasion may need to be plowed during the week for trash hauler access.

Please submit sealed bids to Beaver Creek Township, in an envelope, clearly marked "Snow Plowing Bids", 8888 S. Grayling Rd., Grayling, MI 49738 on or before 2:00 P.M. Friday October 6, 2006. Beaver Creek Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Please submit bids based on a per plow rate. Proof of insurance required.

Lee Riley, Supervisor

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CONSTRUCTION TRADES

Sealed Bids for work of all trades will be received by the County of Crawford and the Animal Shelter of Crawford County at the County Building located at 200 West Michigan Ave., Grayling, Michigan in care of Paul Compo, Crawford County Controller until 11:00 am, Friday, October 13, 2006 for construction of the following project:

ANIMAL SHELTER OF CRAWFORD COUNTY

The project consists of a new 3,480 square foot facility with detached garage to be located on the 1 - 75 business loop in Grayling Township. A single lump sum bid is required. Bidders shall furnish a bid bond in the amount of five percent of their bid. The successful bidder is required to furnish a 100% performance and material payment bond. All bids shall be good for 30 days.

Bid documents may be obtained from the office of the Architect, beginning Monday September 18, 2006. A refundable fee of \$25.00 per set will be required with a non-refundable \$10.00 per set mailing change.

Thomas J. O'Brien Architect, Inc.
307 North Fifth St.
Roscommon, Michigan 48653
(989) 275-3075
E-Mail toarch@i2k.net

Submit one copy of bid in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the bidder and plainly marked "Animal Shelter Bid"

In accordance with Federal law and US Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, disability, political beliefs, or disability.

To file a complaint of discrimination, write to: USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Ave, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 (voice) or (202) 720-6382 (TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

The County of Crawford reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive defects and accept the bid which in the opinion of the Owner is in the best interest of the County.

NOTICE OF AUCTION OF LANDS FOR UNPAID TAXES - NO RESERVE

The Crawford County Treasurer will be conducting an auction of tax reverted real estate on October 20, 2006. The Auction is to be held at The Quality Inn, 9285 West Lake City Road, Houghton Lake, MI. Registration begins at 11:00am, Auction begins at 12:00pm. Information on parcels is available at the County Treasurer's Office, or online at www.tax-sale.info.

CRAWFORD COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

THE CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ARE PRESENTLY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR:

LIBRARY BOARD HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

APPLICATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED FOR OPEN POSITIONS ON THE LIBRARY BOARD AND HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD. BOARD MEMBERS SET POLICY AND PROCEDURE FOR BOARDS GOVERNANCE AND GENERAL OPERATION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENTS. APPLICANTS SHOULD HAVE FAMILIARITY WITH PARLIAMENTARY RULES AND PROCEDURES AND BE SENSITIVE TO CRAWFORD COUNTY COMMUNITY NEEDS.

APPLICATIONS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM AND SUBMITTED TO COUNTY CLERK SANDRA MOORE BY MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2006 AT 11:00 A.M. OR MAY BE OBTAINED ON LINE THRU www.crawfordco.org AND RETURNED TO CRAWFORD COUNTY CLERK 200 W. MICHIGAN AVENUE, GRAYLING, MI 49738.

SANDRA MOORE, COUNTY CLERK

Grayling Township Board of Trustees to hold public hearings

The Grayling Township Board of Trustees will hold public hearings on Wednesday, October 11, 2006, to hear public comments on the following requests:

7:00 p.m. Nels Drive - Determine how annual special assessment amount for the purpose of snowplowing will be spread among the eligible property owners.

7:15 p.m. Ken-Mar-Estates- Determine how annual special assessment amount for the purpose of snowplowing and maintenance will be spread among eligible property owners.

7:30 p.m. Sandy Trail - Determine how annual special assessment amount for the purpose of snowplowing and maintenance will be spread among the eligible property owners.

Final action on these items may take place at 7:45 p.m., during the October board of trustees meeting directly following the public hearings.

Text and maps of requests are on file in the township offices and are available for public review during normal working hours. The Grayling Township offices and meeting rooms are located at 2090 Viking Way, Grayling. Questions pertaining to these requests may be directed to the Grayling Township Zoning Administrator.

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Full Name Richard Millman	Complete Mailing Address 102 Michigan Ave., Grayling MI 49738
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Full Name	Complete Mailing Address
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() If the publication is a general publication, publication of this statement is required. Will be printed in the _____ issue of this publication.
(X) Publication not required

17. Signature and Title of Editor, Publisher, Business Manager, or Owner
Linda Goltick, General Manager *Linda Goltick, General Manager* 9/21/06

I certify that all information furnished on this form is true and complete. I understand that anyone who furnishes false or misleading information on this form or who omits material or information requested on the form may be subject to criminal sanctions (including fines and imprisonment) and/or civil sanctions (including civil penalties).

LEGAL ACTION

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Michael Girard, an Unmarried Man to Empire Mortgage XI Inc., Mortgagee, dated July 10, 2000 and recorded September 6, 2000 in Liber 516 Page 545, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, by assignment dated June 29, 2006, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Three Hundred Four Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Three Dollars and Twenty-Five Cents (\$304,263.25) including interest 8.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling, MI at 10:00AM on Wednesday, October 25, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Part of the West one-half of Section 11, Town 25 North, Range 4 West described as commencing at the South one-quarter corner of said Section 11; thence North 00 degrees 38 minutes 44 seconds East, along the North-South one-quarter line of said Section 1449.05 feet to the centerline of Twin Peaks Road; thence North 54 degrees 34 minutes 00 seconds West along said centerline, 552.92 feet; thence North 40 degrees, 36 minutes 44 seconds West, along said centerline 251.56 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence South 00 degrees 38 minutes 44 seconds West, parallel with the North-South one-quarter line of said section, 1355.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 47 minutes 40 seconds West, parallel with the South line of said Section 645.27 feet to a point on an intermediate traverse line along the shore of Kolk Creek, said point being 20 feet from the water's edge; thence along said intermediate traverse line along the shore of Kolk Creek the following six courses, North 03 degrees 05 minutes 25 seconds East, 149.16 feet; thence North 44 degrees 00 minutes 40 seconds West 78.12 feet; thence North 42 degrees, 24 minutes, 05 seconds East 83.55 feet; thence North 23 degrees 11 minutes, 05 seconds East 240.05 feet; thence North 73 degrees, 78 minutes 23 seconds West, 177.05 feet; thence North 04 degrees 01 minutes 16 seconds West 194.19 feet to a point on said intermediate traverse line along the shore of Kolk Creek, said point being 16 feet from the water's edge; thence leaving said intermediate traverse line, North 59 degrees, 56 minutes 26 seconds East 814.08 feet; thence North 00 degrees 38 minutes 44 seconds East, parallel with the North-South one-quarter line of said section 833.55 feet; thence North 49 degrees 23 minutes 16 seconds East 90 feet to the centerline of Twin Peaks Road; thence South 40 degrees 36 minutes 44 seconds East, along said centerline 76.15 feet to the point of beginning. Said parcel extends to the centerline of Kolk Creek and contains 15.81 acres of land more or less as measured to the intermediate traverse line. Subject to the right of way for Twin Peaks Road over the Northeastly 33 feet thereof.

Commonly known as 7637 Twin Peaks Road, Fredrick MI 49733
The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: SEPTEMBER 14, 2006
Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC,
Assignee of Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd, Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
Our File No: 06-48052
-21-28-5-12-19

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248)539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by JEFFREY S. BURGER and KAREN A. BURGER, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 24, 2003, and recorded on October 29, 2003, in Liber 656, on Page 575, and modified on May 10, 2004, recorded May 28, 2004 in Liber 668, on Page 657, and modified on September 14, 2004, recorded September 27, 2004, in Liber 671, on Page 676, and assigned by said mortgagee to THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK, as assigned, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars and Sixty-Nine Cents (\$78,333.69), including interest at 5.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on October 25, 2006

Said premises are situated in Township of SOUTH BRANCH, Crawford County, Michigan and described as: UNIT 14, RIVER RENDEZVOUS CONDOMINIUMS, ACCORDING TO THE MASTER DEED RECORDED IN LIBER 599, PAGES 223-252, CRAWFORD COUNTY RECORDS AND DESIGNATED AS CRAWFORD COUNTY CONDOMINIUM SUBDIVISION PLAN NO. 9; TOGETHER WITH RIGHTS IN THE GENERAL AND LIMITED COMMON ELEMENTS, AS SET FORTH IN THE MASTER DEED AND AS DESCRIBED IN ACT 59 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1978, AS AMENDED. TAX ID NO. 20-062-031-006-020-15

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: September 13, 2006
THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK/Mortgagee/Assignee

Peter M. Schneiderman & Associates, P.C.
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450
Southfield, MI 48075

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Thomas R. Buckalew and Kimberly Buckalew, His Wife, original mortgagor(s), to First Chicago NBD Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated July 24, 1998, and recorded on August 17, 1998 in Liber 461 on Page 34, in

Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twenty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Eight And 02/100 Dollars (\$23,928.02), including interest at 7.449% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on October 25, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Beginning at the Northeast Corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 35, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, Thence South 20 Rods, Thence West 8 Rods, Thence North 20 Rods, Thence East 8 Rods to the Point of Beginning, Township of South Branch, County of Crawford, State of Michigan

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: September 21, 2006
For more information, please call: FC S 248.593.1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #106377F01

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Charles A. Gilbert, Jr., An Unmarried Man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 11, 2003, and recorded on December 3, 2003 in Liber 660 on Page 411, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Two Thousand Twenty-Eight And 84/100 Dollars (\$42,028.84), including interest at 5.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on October 18, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 79, 80 and East 1/2 of Lot 78, Clough's Highland Acres, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the Recorded Plat thereof, as Recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 65, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: September 14, 2006
For more information, please call: FC X 248.593.1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer

30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #105572F01

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Matthew J. Ashton, a single man, to First Franklin Financial Corporation, subsidiary of National City Bank of Indiana, Mortgagee, dated June 7, 2004 and recorded June 11, 2004 in Liber 668, Page 978, and rerecorded 06/21/2004 liber 669 page 297, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., trustee by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Six Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Eight and 82/100 Dollars (\$76,698.82) including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on NOVEMBER 1, 2006.

Said premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 7, Clough's Highland Acres, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 65, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: September 28, 2006
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 209.3831

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale
THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Christa Kessler and Matthew Kessler, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 11, 2004, and recorded on April 16, 2004 in Liber 667 on Page 607, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to NetBank as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Two Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Six And 31/100 Dollars (\$52,126.31), including interest at 7.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on November 1, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: A parcel of land located in the East 1/2 of Section 24, Town 28 North, Range 4 West described as: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of said Section 24, thence South 00 degrees 28 minutes 30 seconds East along the North and South 1/4 line 663.78 feet for point of beginning; thence South 89 degrees 40 minutes 25 seconds East 672.7 feet; thence South 00 degrees 23 minutes 33 seconds East 663.35 feet; thence North 89 degrees 42 minutes 30 seconds West 671.75 feet; thence North 00 degrees 28 minutes 30 seconds West along the North and South 1/4 line 663.78 feet to Point of Beginning. Together with and subject to a right of way for ingress and egress and Installation and maintenance of public utilities as recorded in Liber 119, Page 386 and in Liber 119, Page 501, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.
Dated: September 28, 2006
For more information, please call: FC G 248.593.1310

Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #107352F01

MORTGAGE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Douglas M. Meroney and Sharon U. Davis, husband and wife, mortgagors, to First National Bank of Gaylord, n/k/a Independent Bank, Mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated July 17, 2002, and was recorded July 23, 2002, in Liber 589 on pages 512 through 516 of the Crawford County records. The balance owing on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is \$71,703.51, including interest at 24% per year. The Mortgage contains a power of sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on Wednesday, October 18, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Crawford County Court Facility, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan, that being the place of holding Circuit Court for Crawford County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgage before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, Michigan and is described as:

PARCEL 1: A parcel of land located in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, being part of Lots 11 and 12, Block 15 of the ORIGINAL PLAT OF THE VILLAGE (NOW CITY) as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 2, Crawford County records, being further described as follows: Commencing at the Southerly most corner of Block 15 of said plat; thence N39° 03'02" W along the South-westerly line of Block 15 of said plat 6.70 feet to a chiseled "+" in concrete for a Point of Beginning; thence continuing N39°03'02" W 81.30 feet to a 1/2" x 18" steel bar with plastic cap marked "MEM 31600"; thence N50°31'59" E parallel with the Southeasterly line of Block 15 of said plat 25.16 feet to a 1/2" x 18" steel bar with plastic cap marked "MEM 31600"; thence S38°52'10" E along existing building party wall as indicated by joint in exterior wall of building 81.30 feet to a chiseled "+" in concrete; thence S50°31'59" W parallel with the Southeasterly line of Block 15 of said plat 24.90 feet to the Point of Beginning.

The redemption period will expire six (6) months from the date of sale.

Dated: September 6, 2006
SMITH, MARTIN, POWERS, & KNIER, P.C.
By: Henry L. Knier, Jr. (P46393)
Attorney for Independent Bank,
f/k/a First National Bank of Gaylord,
Mortgagee
900 Washington Ave., P.O. Box 219
Bay City, MI 48707
(989) 892-4574

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by EDWARD PAUL VESELSKY and DEBORAH ANN VESELSKY, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 20, 2004, and recorded on February 24, 2004, in Liber 666, on Page 488, and assigned by said mortgagee to NOVASTAR MORTGAGE, INC., as assigned, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-One Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Two Dollars and Thirty-Five Cents (\$121,682.35), including interest at 11.950% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on October 25, 2006

Said premises are situated in Township of GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan and described as: THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE WEST 1/8 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 25, TOWN 26 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST.

AND THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE WEST 1/8 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 25, TOWN 26 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST. TAX ID NO. 20-040-41-025-16-165-00

AND 20-040-41-025-16-170-00

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: September 13, 2006
NOVASTAR MORTGAGE, INC./Mortgagee/Assignee

Peter M. Schneiderman & Associates, P.C.
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450
Southfield, MI 48075

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 06-7175-DE
Estate of Connie Kay Pillaro. Date of birth: 03/06/1941

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Connie Kay Pillaro, who lived at 162 W. North Down River Road Grayling, Michigan died 11/18/2005.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Melonie Richardson, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave. Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: September 20, 2006
Monte J. Burmeister P48732
Attorney
PO Box 585
Grayling, MI 49738
(989) 348-7114

Melonie Richardson
Personal representative
94 W. North Down River Rd.
Grayling, MI 49738
989-348-2051

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by ROBERT ZADORSKY, A SINGLE MAN, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 12, 2005, and recorded on August 31, 2005, in Liber 677, on Page 182, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-One Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Six Dollars and Seventy-Seven Cents (\$131,646.77), including interest at 7.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on October 4, 2006

Said premises are situated in Township of BEAVER CREEK, Crawford County, Michigan and described as: PART OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 8, TOWN 25 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN. COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 8, THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES 34 MINUTES EAST (ALONG THE NORTH AND SOUTH 1/4 LINE); 1710.03 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 29 MINUTES WEST, 1056.50 FEET TO THE NORTHEASTERLY SIDE OF SKYLINE ROAD, THENCE NORTH-WESTERLY ON A 471.63 FEET RADIUS CURVE TO THE LEFT (ALONG SKYLINE ROAD) 76.08 FEET, LINE CURVED (NORTH 37 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 51 SECONDS WEST, 76.00 FEET) THENCE NORTH 42 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 08 SECONDS WEST (ALONG SKYLINE ROAD) 27.53 FEET, THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ON A 2,009.86 RADIUS CURVE TO THE LEFT (ALONG OLD U.S. 27), 350.11 FEET (LINE CURVE NORTH 39 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 32 SECONDS EAST, 349.51 FEET) THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 45 SECONDS EAST, 557.66 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES 34 MINUTES WEST, 100.00 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 45 SECONDS EAST, 353.04 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES 34 MINUTES WEST, 250.93 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. TAX ID NO. 050-008-009-010-22

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: August 24, 2006
Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns
Mortgagee/Assignee

Peter M. Schneiderman & Associates, P.C.
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450
Southfield, MI 48075

Last Day to Register to Vote for General Election

Notice of last day of registration for the electors of:
Beaver Creek Township Frederic Township Grayling Township Lovells Township
Maple Forest Township City of Grayling South Branch Township

All electors are hereby given notice **THE GENERAL ELECTION** will be held in the above Townships/Cities in the County of Crawford, State of Michigan on Tuesday, November 7, 2006.

Electors who wish to vote in the General Election must be registered to vote **NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2006**. To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office, the County Clerk's office or the Township or City Clerk's Office.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I WILL BE AT MY OFFICE:
During Regular Business hours 8:30 - 4:30 - Monday through Friday

Oct 10, 2006 - Last day for Electors to Register with County Clerk at 4:00 p.m. Electors who wish to register with the Township of City Clerks are advised to call ahead for office hours:
Sharon K. Hartman - Beaver Creek Township Clerk 275-8878
Nancy Blindschatel - Frederic Township Clerk 348-8778
Monica S. Ashton - Grayling Township Clerk 348-4361
Cheryl Hopp - Lovells Township Clerk 348-9215
Sandra Baynam - Maple Forest Township Clerk 348-5794
Lynn George - South Branch Township Clerk 275-8232
Michelle Moshier - Grayling City Clerk 348-2131

SANDRA MOORE, COUNTY CLERK

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FEATURES

A Look At Our Past FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



September 29, 1960 - Gerald A. McEvers (right) of McEvers Motor Sales, Buick Dealer in Grayling, and Edward C. Kennard, general sales manager of Buick, examine an engine block.

**23 Years Ago
September 29, 1983**

Mrs. Rosa Christenson celebrated her 97th birthday at a family gathering at the home of her daughter and husband, Fay and Bob Bovee. She was born in September 23, 1886, at the family homestead in Sigsbee, Crawford County, eight miles east of Grayling, on the now North Down River Rd. She was the fifth child in a family of seven pioneers, Hugo and Agnes Oesterle Schreiber and remains as the oldest living native of the county.

Two army personnel carriers and part of another stolen from Camp Grayling ranges in May were recovered by FBI agents and Crawford County Sheriff

deputies last week.

It almost didn't open on time. There was no money to buy fish. No money to hire a night watchman. But somehow, when Memorial Day weekend came, the county and fish hatchery committee managed to open the gates at the Grayling Fish Hatchery and 1,500 people visited the first weekend. A couple hundred large rainbow trout, one huge brown trout, and ten thousand small rainbows attracted more than 37,000 children and adults to the once again popular Grayling Fish Hatchery this summer with the official closing date Friday, Sept. 30.

**46 Years Ago
September 29, 1960**

At the Crawford County

Chamber of Commerce annual dinner, it was revealed by master of ceremonies for the program, Herbert Wolff, that Leon Rochette has been elected to guide the chamber and its new president during the coming year.

Although the Frederic Eagles scored first on Friday at Mackinaw City, the Comets came back to score eight times in the first half and twice more in the second to win a lopsided 65 - 6 game.

New phone numbers for Grayling are coming Saturday. For local calls you will dial the letter "D" and the letter "I" and five numbers.

The Viking junior varsity lost their first game of the season at the Grayling Memorial Recreational Area to a heavier, more experienced Gaylord team.

Marvin Miller, formerly of Flint, is the new owner of the Penrod Hardware Company store. Mr. Miller, his wife Bernice and daughter Judy, are living in the Ted Wheeler home on Eagle Point at Lake Margrethe.

The civics class at Grayling High School journeyed to Bay City last Thursday afternoon to hear Vice-President Richard Nixon address a crowd of 11,000 people from throughout the 10th Congressional district.

**69 Years Ago
September 30, 1937**

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Schoonover were in Flint and Saginaw over the weekend. While there they viewed the new Buicks, which will be on display the forepart of October.

There was a large crowd of interested people out Tuesday evening to attend the ceremonies in conjunction with the laying of the cornerstone of Grayling's new post office building.

Miss Billyann Clippert who celebrated her ninth birthday, had several of her friends for dinner guests at her home that evening. The moving picture show starring Jane Withers in Wild and Woolly was enjoyed by her guests later in the evening.

Sandy Thompson, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Thompson, and Mrs. Tracy Nelson, were the lucky ones to win the Creeno prize at the Rialto last Friday. It amounted to \$97 each. Sandy is now riding a handsome streamlined bike which he purchased with some of his share of the money.

**92 Years Ago
October 1, 1914**

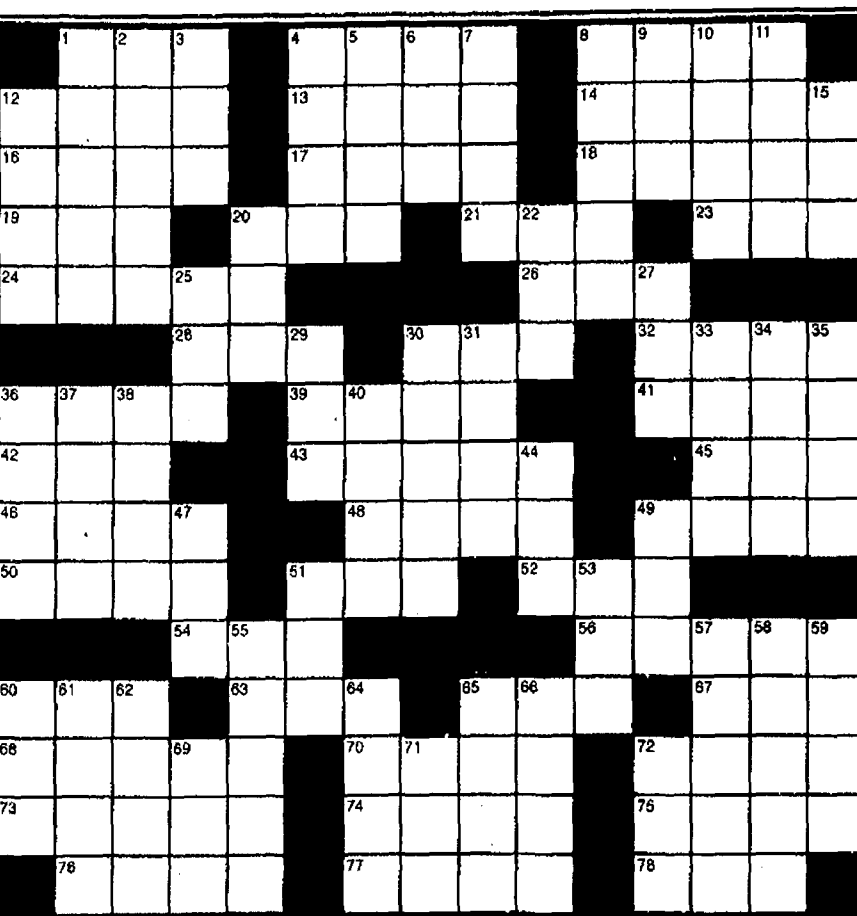
The Grayling Greenhouse, originally instituted by John H. Cook in 1911, has recently been improved and enlarged.

A sewing club, consisting of 20 members, was organized last week at the home of Miss Lillian Bates. Miss Arvilla Jones was elected president and Miss Bates secretary. The name of the club is Laffa-lotte.

Louie Joseph, Lorne Douglas, and Bessie Kellogg were high school visitors last week.

Cement walk on Peninsular Avenue and Maple Street have been completed.

CROSSWORD



Across

1. Become listless.
4. Capital of Azerbaijan.
8. In the _ of the Night.
12. Shiva's wife.
13. Wide-spouted pitcher.
14. Moses' brother.
16. For men and women.
17. Lead or conduce.
18. Slant or slope.
19. _ Darya river.
20. Chap.
21. John Dos Passos novel trilogy.
23. Bathroom (British slang).
24. Transitional place.
26. Urban area.
28. Ancient Greek goddess of recklessness.
30. First man made by the Scandinavian gods.
32. News.
36. Ancient town in Israel.
39. Fencing move to avoid a thrust.
41. Festal pomp or dress.
42. One-dollar bill.
43. Convocation of witches.
45. Encountered.
46. Muslim religious leader title.
48. Lubricate.
49. Jacob's first wife.
50. Roman emperor.
51. Mother.
52. Before.
54. _ of a kind.
56. Actor Robert _.
60. Distinctive period.
63. Rhoda's mom.
65. 7th letter in Greek alphabet.
67. Female goat.
68. Sacred collection of writings.
70. Wait.
72. Alter gene arrangement.
73. Ancient city in Shinar.
74. Divisible by two.
75. In any way different.
76. Buried.
77. Annual season of fasting before Easter.
78. Wrath.

Down

1. Ruth's mother-in-law.
2. Oil.
3. Executed.
4. 2nd letter in Greek alphabet.
5. Filled with admiration.
6. Actor _ Olin.
7. One official language of Pakistan.
8. Ishmael's mother.
9. Crosstie.
10. Inhabitant of Arabia.
11. Fuss.
12. Kilocalorie.
15. Photographic negative.
20. Abraham's nephew.
22. Arabic market.
25. Sheep cry.
27. 1988 Tom Hanks film.
29. First woman created by God.
30. Phonograph record.
31. Make an attempt.
33. My _ is Earl.
34. Pet pest.
35. Solemn appeal.
36. Adam and Eve's first-born son.
37. Highest point.
38. All but.
40. Capital of Norway.
44. 20th letter in English alphabet.
47. Witty remark.
50. 5th sign of the zodiac.
51. Vary up-to-date.
53. Handwoven Scandinavian rug.
55. Use effectively.
57. Cow's mammary gland.
58. Clamor.
59. Goes after.
60. Decay.
61. Monetary unit of Iran.
62. Aramaic word for "father."
64. Adam and Eve's second-born son.
65. Adam and Eve's home before the Fall.
66. Portable shelter.
69. Hawaiian wreath.
71. I have.
72. Hebrew judge and priest.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

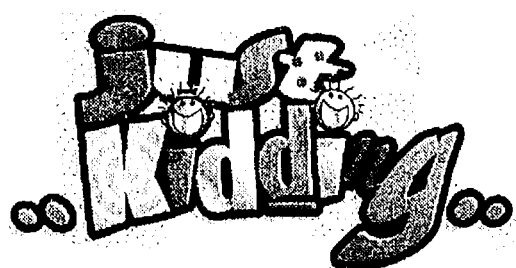


Red Grape and Mango Relish

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|-----|---------------------------------|-----|------------------------------------|
| 3 | cups seedless red grapes | 1/2 | cup diced red onion |
| 2 | tablespoons fresh minced ginger | 2 | tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro |
| 4 | cloves garlic, minced | 1 | mango, pitted and diced |
| 1 | teaspoon allspice | 2 | teaspoons fresh lime juice |
| 3/4 | teaspoon red pepper flakes | | Pinch of salt |

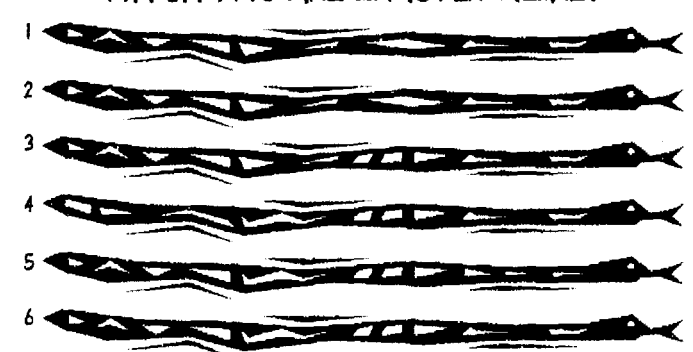
Purée grapes in a blender. Strain purée, separating juice and grape pulp. Place pulp aside. Pour freshly strained juice into a saucepan and bring to a simmer with ginger, garlic, allspice and red pepper flakes. In a separate bowl, combine grape pulp with diced onion, cilantro, mango, lime juice and salt. Add the heated mixture and stir gently to combine all ingredients. Serve warm or chilled.

Makes about 3 cups



FIND THE TWINS

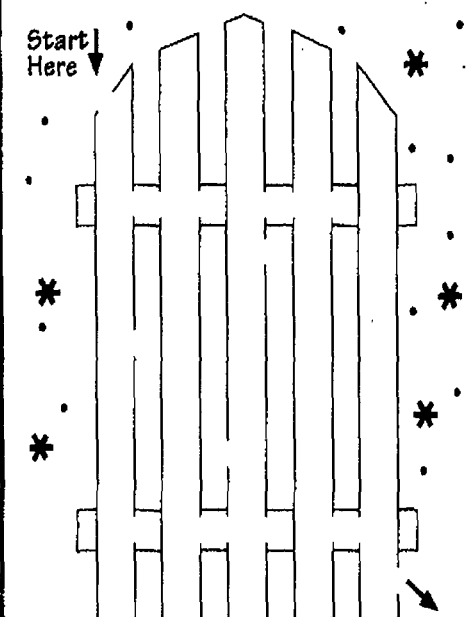
WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



DID YOU KNOW ??

Al Capone's business card said he was a used furniture dealer.

MAZE



HOROSCOPES

For the week of September 28, 2006



Capricorn
December 22–January 19

No, no, no. That's what you hear at every turn. Capricorn. Settle down. Better times are ahead. Frequent moments alone make for an introspective weekend.



Aries
March 21–April 19

A crash course in etiquette is in order for a swanky affair. Call up an old friend and ask them to be your guide. Peace at home is only temporary.



Cancer
June 22–July 22

You're not usually a busybody, but you have no choice but to intervene in the affairs of a young relative. They're way out of their league.



Libra
September 23–October 22

How feasible is your plan really, Libra? That's what others aim to find out this week. Make sure you have all of your bases covered.



Aquarius
January 20–February 18

A true-blue pal bails on you at the last minute. Don't hold it against them. They couldn't help it. You're getting wound up over nothing.



Taurus
April 20–May 20

Watch out world, Taurus is unstoppable. There is nothing you can't do and do well this week. All of those unfinished projects at work and home will be a snap.



Leo
July 23–August 22

The curt response of a buddy leads you to think you have done something wrong. Relax. They've got other issues on the front burner and they don't involve you.



Scorpio
October 23–November 21

A dead issue is put back on the table. Take the drastic measures needed to end it once and for all, Scorpio. A frank comment is no reason for concern.



Pisces
February 19–March 20

The sunny disposition of a remarkable colleague takes a dive. Work them out of their funk with some old-fashioned fun. A rumor finally runs its course.



Gemini
May 21–June 21

You're not an aggressive person, but no amount of goading will push your family to get moving on household chores. Put on your drill sergeant hat and blow the whistle.



Virgo
August 23–September 22

A plaintive cry is heard. Do what you can to help. A financial mixup causes you some headaches but eventually is worked out in your favor.



Sagittarius
November 22–December 21

Of course you can't do it, Sagittarius. Ask to your supervisor's request and attack with zeal. Success will be all yours. Love plays a big role in the weekend festivities.

ADOPT A PET



Callie

has been at the shelter for a long time. We love her very much but want her to have a home of her own. Callie is a 3-4 year old Wirehaired Pointing Griffon mix. She is housebroken, loves children, very intelligent and good on a leash. She does not wish to share her people with other dogs and plays too rough with cats so she needs to be the only fur baby in a family.



The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is a participating member of the Very Best Pet Network.

**The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling**
Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall
Hours: Open 9 to 3 Monday thru Saturday, 9 to 12 on Sundays and Holidays
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117
For more pets or more information, visit our website www.ascspetfinder.com

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week

Date	H	L	Precip. Inches
9/20	57	37	0
9/21	63	34	0
9/22	63	39	0
9/23	73	57	0
9/24	57	36	0
9/25	61	34	0
9/26	65	51	0

Extended Forecast (Courtesy of the Weather.com)

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
High 51	High 54	High 52	High 53	High 58	High 57
Low 34	Low 39	Low 42	Low 40	Low 44	Low 41
Showers	Mostly Cloudy	Showers	Showers	Partly Cloudy	Showers

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1. Real Estate

AUTOMATICALLY RECEIVE NEW LISTINGS e-mailed to you. Call us at 348-5474 or email to cnt21@i2k.com Century 21 River Country Real Estate. Visit our web: www.century21grayling.com (2/23/06tf/1)

2 BEDROOM HOME in Frederic on owners.com. \$54,000 or 732-4227. (-28/1)

1. Real Estate

LOW INCOME housing available to purchase. Apply with Connie at Century 21. Call for an appointment. 348-5474 or cell 390-2888. Currently 5 homes available. (2/23/06tf/1)

SECLUDED 2 bedroom chalet with spacious loft, 5 acres hardwoods, huge 2 story garage. 7 miles east off M-72. 989-390-4047. (LR9/28/06/1)

1. Real Estate

HOME FOR SALE Moving north and looking for some peace and quiet? You found it. Over 175 feet of AuSable River frontage, and only 25 feet from the river. You can fly fish from the 750 sq. ft. wrap-around deck. Enjoy this 2,175 sq. ft. brick, 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom home, located on the East Branch of the famed AuSable River, only 1 mile north of Mercy Hospital. Featuring a full sized kitchen, living room, finished walkout basement, natural gas log fireplace, hot tub, large cedar sauna and much more. The manicured lawn, watered from an underground sprinkler system, looks like a well maintained golf course. Make me an offer. Drive by at 4875 Warner Drive for a look then call 989-348-2083 for showing by owner. (6/22/06tf/1)

2-3 BEDROOM 2 bath, year round ranch in peaceful setting, on maintained road, near lakes and snowmobiling. 2482 Sandy Trail, south off M-72, 7.3 miles east of Grayling. Price negotiable. (586) 446-0004, (586) 713-7500. (6/22/06tf/1)

NEW CONSTRUCTION 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths, large deck, large finishable basement. Call 989-348-1214. (-21-28/1)

1. Real Estate

FOR SALE OR LEASE mobile home lots, 2.5 acres, relocate your mobile home and use existing mobile home for storage. Located on M-72 near Burtons Landing in Grayling. 14' x 65' concrete slab with hook-ups including 4" well, electric service and 1,000 gallon septic. A large frontage in nicer area located near state forest and canoe pick-up area. \$25,000. Mel, 877-365-2006. (LR12/7/06/1)

WONDERFUL COUNTRY HOME on 1.68 acres near Grayling. Great kitchen with work island that opens to the family room with corner fireplace. Separate dining room. Full basement and large private yard. \$74,900. Frisbey Real Estate. 866-670-4656. (-28-5/1)

FOR SALE Prime 5 acres to be auctioned Saturday. Call for details, 248-835-3909. (-28/1)

2. For Rent

CLEAN, 2 BEDROOM HOUSE with garage. 5 miles east of Grayling. \$450 per month, security deposit and references required. No pets. 348-2418. (-28-5/2)

FOR RENT 2 bedroom apartment, non-smoking, no pets. \$475/month, plus. 348-4840. (LR10/19/06/2)

2. For Rent

TWO BEDROOM CABIN near river, \$550/month, plus. Non-smoking, no pets. 348-4840. (LR10/19/06/2)

MOBILE HOMES 4 RENT \$425 and up, some pet restrictions. Also trailers for sale. 348-5278. (9/28/06tf/2)

1 BEDROOM IN TOWN on AuSable, \$390, plus utilities. 231-599-2895. (7/13/06tf/2)

GRAYLING, TWO BEDROOM 1 1/2 bath, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer/dryer, second level deck, privacy yard, carpeting throughout, garage, convenient location to hospital. \$615, plus security deposit. 344-9070. (LR9/28/06/2)s

TWO BEDROOM 1 bath, washer/dryer hookup, refrigerator, range included. Utilities not included. No Pets. \$425/month, plus \$425 security. 6272 Old Lake Rd. (989) 348-4716. (8/17/06tf/2)

RUSTIC LOG CABIN located on scenic Manistee River, newly renovated, fully furnished. 3/2, 2 fireplaces, finished basement with pool table, outdoor sauna. \$700/week; \$2,500/month. First/last, plus security, non-smoking, no pets. References required. Contact 989-348-6141 or 989-348-8497. (8/24/06tf/2)

AUSABLE RIVER FRONT 2 bedroom, natural gas, cable. 1 mile from town. \$750 per month. Sept. 1 to June 1. 348-8818. (8/31/06tf/2)

2. For Rent

NEWLY REMODELED 2 bedroom, 2 full bath, 2-car garage on Lake Margrethe. All new appliances. \$1,100 per month, plus utilities. 248-650-4762. (LR10/12/06/2)

THREE BEDROOM two bath, storage above garage, large fenced corner lot, basement, in Frederic. \$720, plus deposit. 352-382-1953. (cell) 352-613-6180. (LR9/28/06/2)

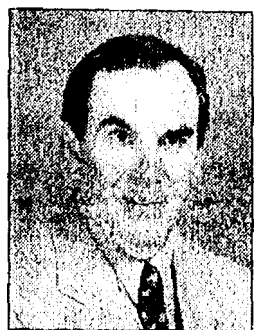
FOR RENT Grayling 2 bedroom home, new carpet, freshly painted, includes stove, refrigerator, and outdoor storage shed. \$450 per month, \$450 deposit. For application, call 989-344-1406 and leave a message. (-14-21-28/2)

FOR RENT IN TOWN 2 bedroom, 1 bath, nearly 1000 sq. ft., additional room could be used as office. \$575, plus utilities and deposit. 586-899-4405 or 586-786-9060. (-28-5/2)

TWO BEDROOM DUPLEX appliances, heat. \$630 a month, \$500 security deposit. 989-390-0027 or 989-348-6938. (9/14/06tf/2)

2 BEDROOM 1 bath house, 303 Date Street. \$400 per month, plus deposit, utilities and references. 348-8627. (9/14/06tf/2)

FOUR BEDROOM HOUSE for rent with 2-car garage, 6106 Cindy Lane, on May Lake, Frederic. \$550 monthly. 989-217-0537. (-21-28/2)



Gary Boyd
Sales Associate

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GREAT HUNTING CAMP This place offers four bedrooms, a laundry room with washer and dryer, renovated bathroom, modern kitchen with stove and refrigerator. All furniture and appliances are included. 3.3 acres touches State Land. GB-2132 \$74,900



CRAIG HINKLE
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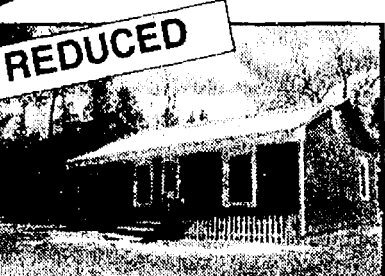


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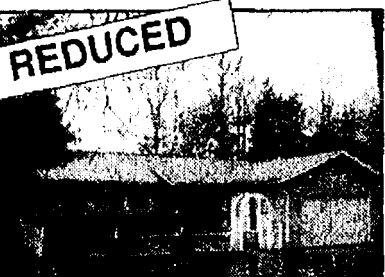


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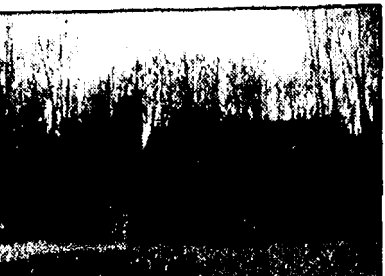
HANDYMAN'S SPECIAL 864 s.f., 2 bedrooms, one bath, two sliding doorways, and large 24x24 pole barn. Close to North Branch AuSable River, state land, and snowmobile trails. CH-2104 \$39,500



LOG LAKE FRONTAGE, 1,200 s.f. ranch home with 3 bedrooms and 2 baths. 9ft. French doors into great room overlooking small 8 acre lake (32' deep). 18 x 24 garage, landscaped yard, split rail fencing, circle black top drive and 12 x 16 storage shed/bunk house. CH-2325 \$128,900



PRIVATE AND PUBLIC ACCESS TO BLUE LAKE, 1,600 s.f. saltbox home with three bedrooms and two baths. Open floor plan with vaulted ceiling, brick fireplace, full basement, and downhill onto wrap around deck. Heated garage, storage shed, fenced back yard, and additional vacant lot. Crawford AuSable School District. \$108,000 annual road maintenance fee. \$119,000 #CH-2409



LOCATED IN A NEWER UPGRADE SUBDIVISION, 2,196 sq. ft. custom built home, 3BR, 2 full baths, master bedroom suite with walk-in closet. Yellow pine 18G flooring, walls & ceilings. Custom hardwood interior doors, quality rustic kitchen cabinets with stainless steel appliances & a bay window in dining room. Open log staircase, upper loft family room with two dormers. All porches & decks built with Trex Synthetic Decking. 9x40 covered porch with finished garage and concrete driveway. Front yard has been sodded. CH-2115 \$218,500

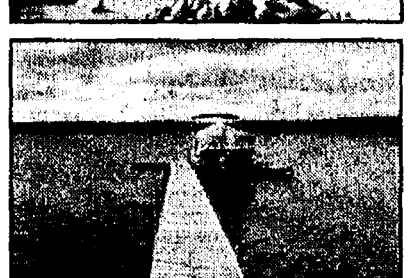
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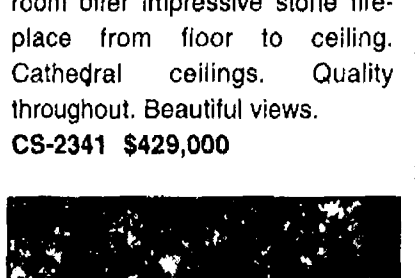
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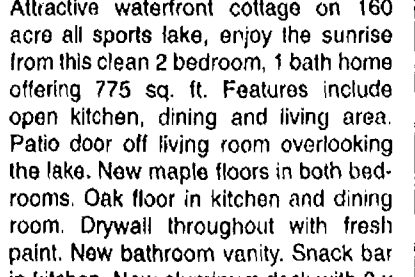
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LAKESIDE LIVING! 58 FEET ON BEAUTIFUL CRAWFORD LAKE. Attractive waterfront cottage on 160 acre all sports lake, enjoy the sunrise from this clean 2 bedroom, 1 bath home offering 775 sq. ft. Features include open kitchen, dining and living area. Patio door off living room overlooking the lake. New maple floors in both bedrooms. Oak floor in kitchen and dining room. Drywall throughout with fresh paint. New bathroom vanity. Snack bar in kitchen. New aluminum dock with 8 x 10 platform. Turn key. Possession at closing. CS-2388 \$177,900



10 ACRES OF BEAUTIFUL HARDWOODS. This rolling terrain is full of wildlife and is close to state land. Electricity is at road and the access road is blacktop. CS-2217 \$32,000

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50 ACRES in Beaver Creek Township! Large 3 bedroom, 2 bath home has generous living room measuring 26 x 18 with brick fireplace & vaulted ceiling. Kitchen/dining area is also very spacious at about 15 x 26 with hardwood floors. Full basement is partially finished. \$289,000 #5756



Great Family home nice location and easy access to town and shopping 3 bedroom, 1 bath home up dated carpet and hard wood floors, attached garage, fenced in back yard, wood deck, county maintained road just \$85,000 #5754



A real eye catcher in a great location. Located just outside of the City limits of Grayling on a corner lot. County maintained blacktop road, 3 bedrooms, 2 bath home, new roof in 2006 and a new 28x32 garage with an additional side entrance door just \$89,000 #5748



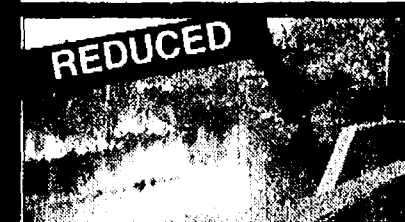
Motivated seller willing to look at all reasonable offers!!! Remodeled 3 bedroom, 1 bath home setting on 10 acres on a county maintained road. Home features an attached garage and a 3 door, 28x40 pole barn electricity and lift master door openers. \$119,900 #5733



Immaculate 2 bedroom, 2 Bath home with full finished basement and two car garage situated on a double lot located next to the Grayling Middle School. Home features hardwood and ceramic tile flooring, ceiling fans, and nice landscaping. A bargain at \$87,000 #5761



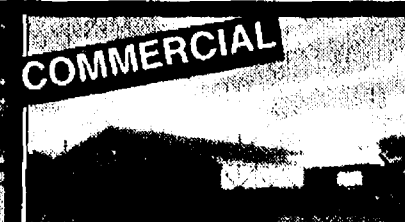
Very cute home only 400 feet from public access to Otsego Lake. 2 bedrooms on lower level with 3rd bedroom in loft above living room. Stone fireplace. Great spot for beach, boating or snowmobiling. \$87,500 #5763



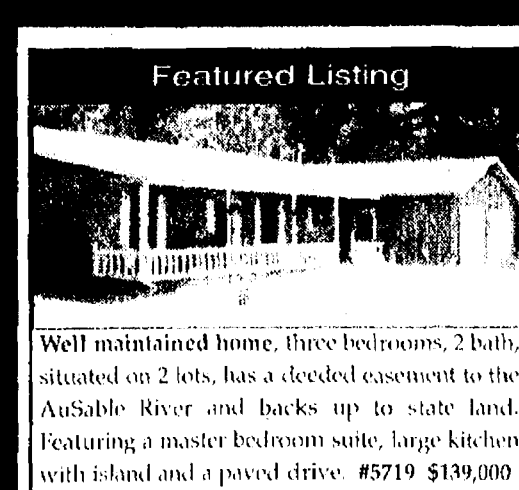
Wouldn't you love this Manistee River view everyday! Beautiful 3 to 5 bedroom home with 2 baths, full finished basement and large garage, all perched over a beautiful bend in the river. Get the fly rod, the fishing here is great. \$260,000 #5650



Neat As A Pin, two bedroom, one bath mobile home on one and a half lots in Grayling Mobile Estates. Property features landscaping, concrete driveway, covered porch and two car garage. Priced to sell at \$47,500 #5718



COMMERCIAL BUILT with Lounge, 4 bathrooms, 2 bars, kitchen, office, storage area and large paved parking lot. 90' on the Business Loop. 240' frontage on a Norway and 120' on Ogema. 6,242 sq. ft. FND. LESS POSSIBILITIES! \$289,000 #5686



Well maintained home, three bedrooms, 2 bath, situated on 2 lots, has a deeded easement to the AuSable River and backs up to state land. Featuring a master bedroom suite, large kitchen with island and a paved drive. #5719 \$139,000



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Grayling, Michigan 49738

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2. For Rent

2 BEDROOM-1 BATH house, non-smoking, no pets. \$450/month. 348-0151. (9/21/06tf/2)

OLDER 3 BEDROOM farm house in country, 5 miles south of Grayling. References, plus security deposit, will consider pet, \$500 per month. 989-275-4126. (-21-28/2)

SMALL 2 BEDROOM house in Beaver Creek Township, private, across from state land, some recent remodeling, will consider pet, \$475 per month. References, plus security deposit. 989-329-4826. (-21-28/2)

THREE BEDROOM 2 bath, 1800 sq. ft., 2-car garage. \$750, plus security. Immediate occupancy. 313-768-5667. (LR10/19/06/2)

TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT located at 911 Elm St. in Grayling. Available around Oct. 1, \$450 per month, plus deposit and utilities. Must have references. Call Northwoods rentals, 989-344-8787. (-28/2)

TWO BEDROOM HOME located on Plum St., Grayling, \$500 per month, plus deposit and utilities, must have references. Call Northwoods Rentals, 989-344-8787. (-29/2)

HOUSE FOR RENT 4 bedrooms, 1 bath, large basement, 1/2 car garage on 1 acre. \$600/month, plus \$600 security deposit. Tenant pays utilities. 4571 Nels Drive, 1/2 mile from city. No pets. 348-4716. (9/28/06tf/2)

2. For Rent

TWO BEDROOM home located at 505 Elm St., available around Oct. 1, \$500 per month, plus deposit and utilities. Must have references. Call Northwoods Rentals, 989-344-8787. (-28/2)

TWO BEDROOM MOBILE HOME located on Pinecrest St. off Wilcox Bridge Rd., \$450 per month, plus deposit and utilities, must have references. Call Northwoods Rentals, 989-344-8787. (-28/2)

CLEAN, THREE BEDROOM house, 1 1/2 baths, large living room with fireplace, kitchen with dining room. 2-car attached garage, plus storage sheds, large wooded lots, range, refrigerator, washer/dryer, dishwasher included. \$650 month, plus security and utilities. References required, no pets. 5956 Ridgeway, M-72 West 1/2 mile from city. 348-4716. (9/28/06tf/2)

FOR RENT: 1005 Ogema Street, 3 bedroom home, attached garage. \$600 monthly, plus security deposit. Utilities not included. Call Mary at 348-5214 for application. (-28-5/2)

2 BEDROOM APARTMENT no animals. \$610 a month. Includes all utilities and cable. Above the Frederic Inn. Call 348-8636 or 705-7111, ask for Sis or Lona. (9/28/06tf/2)

GREAT RENTAL Clean, fully furnished, 3 bedroom home, just steps away from Higgins Lake. Available Oct. thru May, no pets, non-smoking. \$650 per month. Please call 231-218-8529. (-28-5-12/2)

2. For Rent

A LARGE HOUSE for rent. \$600 per month, plus deposit. Call 1-707-588-8530. (-28-5/2)

ROOM FOR RENT Large furnished room with fridge, microwave, large closet, laundry facilities, share bathroom and large kitchen. If you like country living, this is for you. 989-390-6603. (-28-5/2)

3. Employment

ATTENTION DRIVERS no experience necessary. TMC Transportation needs drivers. \$650 per week guaranteed. Off weekends. Local CDL training. 800-882-7364. (LR9/28/06/3)

GENERAL LABOR/PRODUCTION positions in the Grayling area. Must have proof of HS diploma/GED, solid work history, good references, strong math and measuring skills, and the ability to lift, sort, and stack product in a fast paced environment. \$8/hr. All shifts. Call 989-705-2120 for appointment. EOE. (-21-28/3)

TRUCK DRIVERS Are you looking for a dedicated run? \$950/wk, CDL Class A only. Call Rick at 989-390-4808. (-21-28/3)

TAKING BIDS for snow plowing roads in our neighborhood; Sweet Fern, Cascade, and Berry Patch Circle. 348-1950. (-28-5/3)

3. Employment

EXPERIENCED LOAN OFFICER wanted for Houghton Lake Mortgage Company. 100% commission, plus benefits. Fax resume to 586-778-8424. (-21-28/3)

WANTED CARPENTER Skilled carpenter, at least 5 years experience, to work with area builder. Call 989-344-8802 for an interview. (-21-28/3)

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE and payroll position. Must be experienced in accounts payable and payroll. Must have good computer skills and be detailed oriented. Full-time with good benefits in Grayling area. Send resume and salary history to: Attn. JAQ, PO Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738. (-21-28/3)

LOOKING FOR Home Health Aides to provide quality care in the Lovells and surrounding areas. If interested in being a part of our rewarding team contact Leelin Home Health Care, at our corporate office to schedule an interview. 1-800-274-0100, Monday - Friday, 8 am - 4 pm. EOE. (-21-28/3)

PARAMEDIC APPLICATIONS are available at Tri-Township EMS. Full or part time positions are available. Please send resume to: Tri-Township EMS, P.O. Box 275, Atlanta, MI 49709. Application deadline: 10/13/06. (-21-28-5/3)

3. Employment

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT needed for outpatient clinic in Lewiston/Roscommon. Degree required. Please contact Sue at 989-731-1777, or fax resume to 989-731-1166. (-28-5/3)

ASSISTANT WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COACH: Kirtland Community College is accepting applications for assistant women's basketball coach (contracted to work approx. 200 hours between October 1 and March 30) assisting in the operation and coaching of the women's team. Hourly rate is \$12.12 for the 2006-07 season. Visit www.kirtland.edu/hr/jobs for a complete position description and application information; to inquire call 989-275-5000, ext. 271. Applications accepted until October 6, 2006 or until position is filled. Equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. (-28/3)

4. Services Offered

HEATHER'S DAYCARE Openings now available. State licensed, DHS accepted, meals provided, experience in early childhood development. Open Mon. - Fri., 7 am to 6 pm. 989-348-1930 or 989-390-2367. (-28-5/4)

ROOFING ROOFING ROOFING all shingle, tear off, or new construction. 20 years experience. Call Scott for free estimate. 348-5817, 390-1526. (LR10/5/06/4)

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3. Employment

I CHARGE by the job, not by the hour. Yard work; mowing, raking, painting, and cleaning debris off roofs, etc. 348-5081. (-14-21-28/4)

PROFESSIONAL HEMMING jeans, dresses, slacks, etc. Custom made bedding. 989-344-2444. (-28/4)


RTH HOME IMPROVEMENT all your interior and exterior needs. Garages, additions, drywall, painting, roofing, siding, decks, and more. Licensed and insured, free estimates. Rob Harrington 989-344-1383. (-9/16/04tf/4)

DRIVER'S EDUCATION Segment 1, 2, automobile and motorcycle road testing available from the Grayling Driver's Training School. Classes, November 1, January 8, 2007. Call 348-8838 for materials. (LR10/26/06/4)

EQUIPMENT RENTAL Kabota backhoe/loader, by the day or week. \$150, delivery available. Call 989-348-9714. (LR10/19/06/4)

D. HAWES/DRIVERS' TRAINING Northern Driving School, currently providing driving instruction in Crawford County, is now taking reservations for upcoming classes. Grayling - September, November, January, March, May, and summer 2007. Segment I, \$240. Segment II, \$35. (989) 344-2470. (8/10/06tf/4)

LARRY'S TAXI SERVICE of Grayling. 390-4706. Reasonable prices, senior discounts. (-21-28/4)



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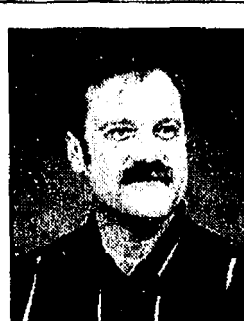
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Grayling Recreation Authority Assistant Director

Job Description
Salary: \$20,000 + Benefits
Application Deadline: October 31, 2006

Description: Under the direct supervision of the Director of Operations for the Grayling Recreation Authority, this position is responsible for the effective planning, coordination, supervision, delivery and evaluation of comprehensive year-round, seasonal and special recreational activities and programs for the Grayling Recreation Authority.


- Develops schedules, coordinates volunteers and program officials.
- Directs and evaluates recreational programs.
- Reviews and evaluates the success of programs and makes recommendations for continuation or cancellation.
- Prepares Grant applications and sponsorship requests to enhance recreation programs.
- Marketing and promotion of programs through advertising, including the creation of seasonal brochures, news releases, flyers, pamphlets and all public relation materials.
- Performs related tasks as required for the organization.
- May be required to physically set up programs.
- Evening and weekend hours may be required on a regular basis.

Requirements:
Minimum of (2) years experience, or a Bachelors Degree in Recreation Management, Parks & Recreation, Sports Management, Administration, Business Management, or related field. Must be a U.S. Resident.

Employer Information:
The Grayling Recreation Authority (G.R.A.) is a 501c3 non-profit organization, located in Grayling, Michigan. G.R.A. Manages and Operates Hanson Hills Recreation Area, The Grayling Fish Hatchery, along with providing various recreational programs and special events for the community of Grayling.


Contact Information: The Grayling Recreation Authority P.O. Box 361 Grayling, Michigan 49738 Phone: 989-348-9266 Fax: 989-348-1393 Email: hansonhills@hotmail.com Web: WWW.HANSONHILLS.ORG

Just Listed



Available immediately. This clean, three bedroom home offers a fire place for winter comfort. Situated on a nicely wooded parcel. Association gives membership usage of clubhouse and river access. #247433 \$68,900

Just Listed

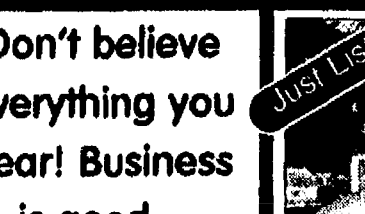


Located in the city of Grayling. Recently remodeled 3 bedroom, 1 bath home with enclosed porch or sunroom. "Ready to move into". Fenced-in yard, covered porch and 2-tier deck. #247438 \$69,000

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Just Listed




2 bedroom mobile home with built-over roof, just freshly painted and newly carpeted. 2-car garage, home is ready to move into. #247461 \$38,900









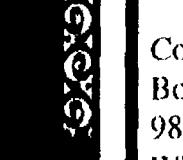
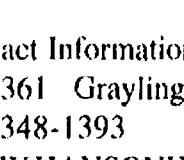
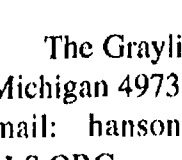
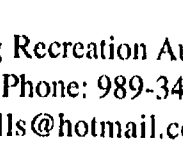
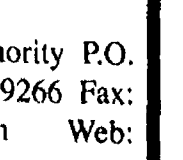
Just Listed



Home with 10 acres, located between Roscommon and Grayling. 24' x 32' pole barn, 2-car garage, and huge fenced-in back yard, set up to have horses. Private deck off master bedroom. #247489 \$141,500



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5. For Sale

FOR SALE 1977 Airstream. Can be seen at 1083 M-72 East, or call 248-588-5368. \$4,500/OBO. (-28/5/5)

OLD CRAFTSMAN 10" SAW with stand, side extension, heavy, runs well. Dunlap, set up as disc sander, with stand, runs well. \$100 both. 348-2605. (-28/5)

WOODMASTER 4 in 1 planer, 18". In crate, all accessories. Paid \$2,650, asking \$2,000. 989-348-9234. (-28/5)

PIANO good condition. 989-348-8096. (-28/5)

QUEEN SIZE MATTRESS set with Amish made pine log headboard and free frame still in plastic, never used. Cost \$800, will sacrifice for \$235. Call (989) 539-3910. (7/3/03tf/5)

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5. For Sale

AMISH BUILT pine log bed. Queen size, beautiful, must see. Will sell for \$265. Queen size mattress set, new in plastic with free frame will sacrifice \$150. Call (989) 539-3910. (7/3/03tf/5)

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SCOOTER STORE power chair. Asking \$2,500. Call me at 344-1981, lets talk it over. Good condition. (LR10/5/06/5)

OAK FIREPLACE WOOD \$50 per cord, seasoned. Twelve cord available. 348-5124. (-28/5)

1998 SUZUKI MARAUDER 800 Cobra pipes/jetted, bags, shield, Mustang seat, new tires and battery, well maintained. \$2,750/OBO. 348-2827. (-21-28/5)

FIREWOOD FOR SALE Five face cord minimum order, delivery up to 30 miles. \$275 per load. 231-384-0398 or 231-631-9601. (LR11/9/06/5)

19' TRAVEL TRAILER hunters special, \$200/OBO. 348-9092. (-28/5)

5. For Sale

24' SALEM 5th WHEEL 2000, slide out, central air, hitch and wired for trailer, tires are 2 years old, very good condition. Asking \$9,500. 344-2296. (-21-28/5)

1975 KOHLER & CAMPBELL SPINET piano with matching bench. \$400/firm. 989-348-2655. (-21-28/5)

TWIN BOOKCASE HEADBOARD and foot board, \$15. Twin car bed with two built in drawers, \$35. Twin mattress, \$15. HP Photosmart 7350 printer, \$50. HP Scanjet 3670, \$15. 348-7297. (-28/5)

PUMPKINS, CORNSTALKS, GOURDS Neilson Farm, Fletcher Rd. 1/4 mile, west South Grayling Rd. 275-5219. (-21-28/5/5)

1994 18' RINKER Mercruise 3.0L engine, digital depth gage, AM/FM stereo cassette, with Trailmaster Trailer. Low hours, winter storage included if needed. Large maple drop-leaf gate-leg table, good condition, paid \$225. 989-348-5625/989-710-1020. (-21-28/5)

ANTIQUE 4 piece bedroom set, perfect condition. Appraised at \$3,000. Asking \$800. 989-889-5149. (-28/5)

1991 ALFA SUN 5th wheel, 40' long, 2 slides, good condition, \$4,500. 660-529-3241, cell 660-815-3437. 5th wheel located in Grayling. (-28/5)

5. For Sale

OAK & MAPLE FIREWOOD seasoned. \$50 per face, delivered. 989-390-4806. (-28/5)

ROUND TABLE chrome and butcher block, 4 arm chairs, excellent condition, \$150. TV console: glass doors for components, plenty of storage, complete with 32" Toshiba television, great condition, \$250. Blue recliner, great condition, \$75. 989-275-5787. (-28/5)

FURNITURE ITEMS bedroom sets, computer desk, small appliances. 989-348-7025. (-28/5)

FIREWOOD Keep warm this winter. Split seasoned, sugar maple, you pick up, Grayling. \$50 face cord. 989-348-3596. (-28-5/5)

6' BROWN GARAGE DOOR like new, \$250, and Barbie Jeep used 12 times, \$150. Call 344-2034 and leave message, will call back. (-28/5)

TIRES Firestone Transforce LT245/75R16, never used, \$300, set of four. 231-492-4403. (-28-5/5)

DELL SCANNER, printer, copier, printer paper, snowmobile suit (men's med.), helmet, crib mattress, commode, Cherished Teddies. 348-4908. (-28/5)

6. Wanted

WANTED-SCRAP VEHICLES top dollar paid. Pick up available. 888-471-3818. (3/3/05tf/6)

WANTED TO BUY Rittenhouse or Habitat cottage furniture. 248-851-7585. (03/2/06tf/6)

8. Announcement

"HUNT WITH FRED BEAR" New book due out Nov. 1, by Dick Lattimer, order your autographed copy by calling Pete Kocefas at 989-348-8627, 1-800-848-1268 or go to www.FredBearCampfireStories.com for more information. (9/28/06tf/8)

PUBLIC INVITED to a luncheon Thursday, October 5, from 11 to 1 pm, at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. Take-outs available. Cost is \$5 per person. (-28/8)

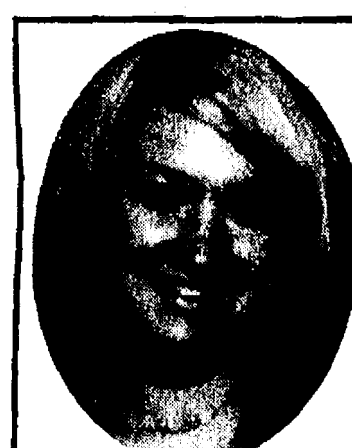
FAMILY, GRIEF or general counseling. GRACE Center, Grayling. 989-348-2544. (7/13/06tf/8)

AUCTION Sept. 30, 10 am, Perry Creek & M-33, Mio. Furniture, antiques, collectibles, household, shop and garage, sportsman, postcards, copper and brass divers helmet, coins and more. View full details and pictures online or call. Lets Talk Auction Company. (989) 848-5158. www.LetsTalkAuction.com (-28/8)

THE OLE BARN 6811 W. M-72, Grayling, MI 49738. 989-344-1760. Open 7 days. New management. Sunday: \$5 pitchers. Monday: \$1 drafts. Wednesday: Ladies night, \$1.50 well drinks and domestic beer and Karaoke with Cal Dutton, 8 pm to midnight. Kitchen open soon. Live Band, Fri. & Sat., Sept. 29 & 30. Bad Apple Production. (-21-28/8)

DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EARLY. GPA Arts & Crafts Show, Sat., Oct. 14, 10 - 4, Grayling Primary School. (-28/8)

8. Announcement



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Welcomes,
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Appointments
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Head Up North
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8. Announcement

Lawn Mowing

Grayling Nursing and Rehabilitation Community is accepting bids for the Lawn Mowing season of 2007. Please call Rodger Welch at 348-2801 for Appointment to discuss needs.
331 Meadows Dr.
Grayling

Snow Plowing

Grayling Nursing and Rehabilitation Community is accepting bids from Commercial Snow plowing Companies for the 2006-07 season.

Pick up spec sheets Monday - Friday at
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Grayling MI

Proof of Liability insurance required.
Any questions, please ask for Rodger Welch.
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RUMMAGE SALE

FRIDAY, SEPT. 29 - 9 am to 5 pm

SATURDAY, SEPT 30 - 9 am to 12 noon

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10. Garage Sale

ANTIQUE SHOW & SALE and Applefest, Sat., Sept. 30, 9 - 4, Brush Creek Mill, downtown Hillman. (-28/8)

EUCHRE ON TUESDAYS at 12:45 at Grayling Senior Center. All are welcome. (-28/8)

IS YOUR NONPROFIT GROUP interested in participating in the Christmas Walk on November 18? Call Jamie at 348-4011 for more information. (-28/8)

11. Automotive

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10. Garage Sale

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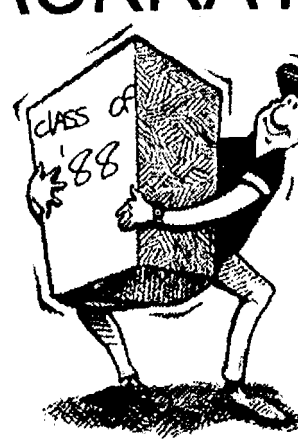
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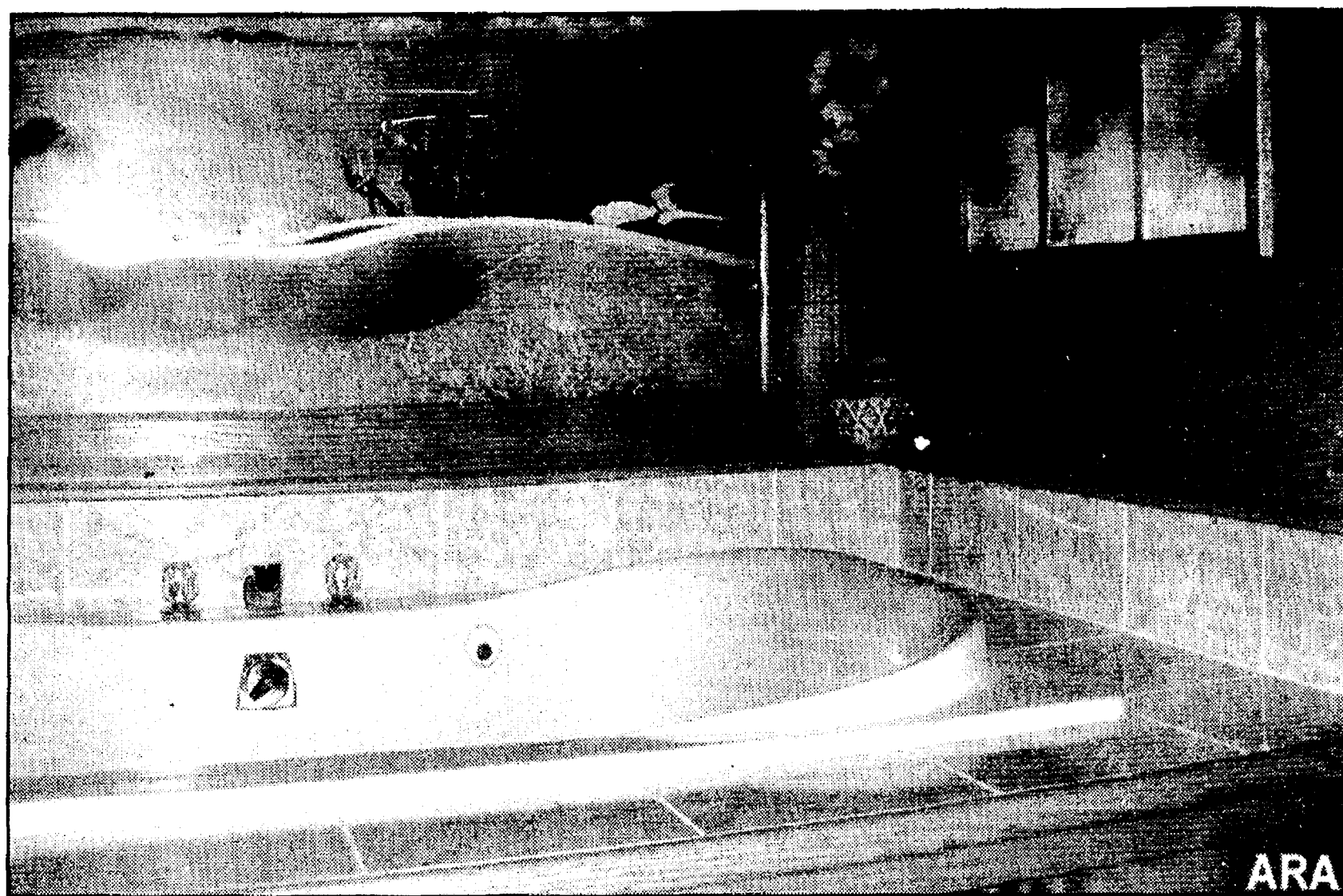
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Five Can't-Miss Tips for Brightening Your Bath

(ARA) — Most homeowners know by now that improvements to bathrooms can bring big returns on investment when it comes time to resell a house. But there's another equally compelling, often-overlooked reason to freshen your bath — it just feels good.

Perking up a tired bathroom doesn't have to cost big bucks and consume weeks either. Sure, if you've got the budget and patience to retille, rip out a wall and upgrade countertops, go for it. But if you're working with a more modest budget, here are five easy ways to give your old bath a new look in record time.

1. Replace hardware. Whether

it's damaged and dingy or just simply dated, unappealing hardware can really drag down your bathroom's visual appeal. Switching out hardware — including drawer pulls, cabinet handles and hinges — can be an easy, low-cost way to freshen the room's appearance.

Home improvement and hardware stores, as well as on-line retailers and specialty Web sites offer a staggering variety of hardware to fit virtually any budget and design theme. Replacing old hardware is as simple as turning a few screws.

2. It may seem obvious that repainting is an easy way to spruce up your bath. Changing colors can create excitement and impart a whole new personality to a space. But don't forget that repainting can brighten a room even if you stick with the same color that is already there. The ravages of daily use by the average family can sap even the best paint of its beauty over time. If you like the color you already have, you'll like it even more when you brighten its appearance with a fresh coat. Remember to use a semi-gloss paint in high moisture areas.

3. Turn your bathroom into a portal to somewhere else with a wall mural. Easy-to-hang, cost-effective wallpaper wall murals can turn your bathroom into a tropical resort or an Italian villa. Get creative with placement of your mural. Snug a Renaissance-style courtyard on the wall behind the commode. Or splash a sunset beach scene in a bathtub alcove.

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4. Dress up your soft goods. Toss out every torn, frayed or faded towel in your linen closet (and we all have them). You can splurge and invest in a quality set of Egyptian cotton towels from a home design store. Or, hit the local discount store and stock up on bright, fun colors and patterns. Create a cohesive theme by coordinating towels, window treatments and shower curtain.

5. Fix your fixtures. Replacing worn or dated fixtures is an easy — and much cheaper — way to create a whole new look for your bathroom vanity. You may not be able to afford the granite countertop you dream of, but ditching an old chrome-colored faucet and temperature controls for something newer and stylish can help draw attention away from a vanity that is merely average. Your neighborhood home improvement or hardware store can offer a wide range of styles and finishes to complement any décor.

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Preparing Your Backyard for Winter

(ARA) — As the weather cools, many homeowners already have a system in place to help prepare their home's exterior for the looming winter season. Making sure outdoor furniture is stored away and bushes and young trees are wrapped in burlap are just a few common tasks many homeowners automatically check off. However, many are unaware that their exterior wood surfaces, like decks or fences, also require special protection from winter's elements.

It is important to remember that the ultra-violet rays of winter can be just as damaging to unprotected wood as the summer sun, causing it to crack, blister, flake and peel. Homeowners can guard against winter damage by staining or re-staining wood surfaces to keep them protected and looking new. However, homeowners should keep in mind that improper preparation can prevent the stain from bonding with the wood, resulting in cracking and peeling.

"In their zest to prepare gardens and landscaping for the winter freeze, many homeowners neglect their outdoor wood surfaces," says Gary Finseth, vice president of marketing for The Flood Company, manufacturer of premium wood care products. "Many homeowners are surprised to learn that fall is actually the ideal time to stain or re-stain the deck. But before beginning, keep in mind that new decks, old unfinished decks and old finished decks all have to be treated differently."

Finseth recommends wood cleaners that are specially designed for unfinished decks to remove dirt and natural contaminants. This not only prepares the surface for staining, but also brightens it. For a deck that is already stained, first remove the old finish so the new one can properly adhere to the wood. The best results are achieved by using the right prep product in combination with the right finish product.

Once the deck is prepared, homeowners will also want to make sure that other exterior areas receive proper care and attention. Vinyl furniture will need to be washed and stored indoors. Inspect wood furniture for damage and do any necessary repairs before it is covered or stored for winter. Wooden fencing should be handled similarly to the deck.

Quick, easy and not to mention inexpensive, these tasks will prepare and beautify any home's exterior wood and ensure its



The optimum time to apply wood finishes is the fall when temperatures are cool. Providing special protection to exterior wood surfaces helps guard from harsh winter weather conditions and UV rays while beautifying the look of your home.



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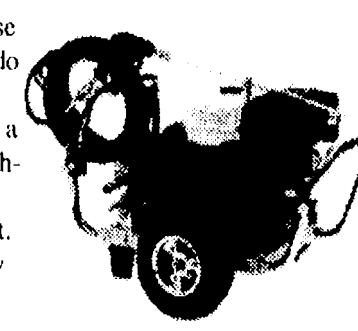
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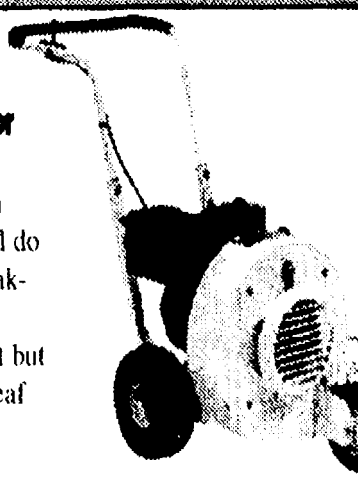
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How To Break Mold's Grip On Your Home

(HIT) — Your walls may be alive, but not with music. Mold spores growing in your home can cause allergic reactions in you, your pets and your kids. Fortunately, it can be easy to banish mold from your house.

The issue of mold continues to be an important topic to builders, homeowners and governmental agencies alike. Lately, it has reached an even higher level of awareness, as plans are made for rebuilding the Gulf Coast. Unfortunately, there is much confusion concerning mold, as well as effective solutions for preventing it.

Experts say the best way to

avoid mold in your home is to control moisture. This often means running air conditioners or a dehumidifier during warm weather when humidity is highest. Here are some more things you can do to avoid mold in your home:

- Keep kitchen and bathroom windows open, or use exhaust fans to move moisture outside.
- Make sure your clothes dryer is vented to the outdoors.
- Dehumidify your basement — the floor and walls can be a source of moisture buildup.
- Similarly, be sure the attic is ventilated.
- Reduce the potential for condensation on cold surfaces by adding insulation around windows, piping, exterior walls, roofing and floors.
- Act quickly if your basement or crawl space floods, both in terms of cleaning up and preventing future flooding.

• Mold-resistant materials play an important role in minimizing mold growth. However, unless mold-resistant products are installed in homes and buildings that are designed, built and maintained properly, they offer little protection against mold.

To help fight mold, the Responsible Solutions to Mold Coalition (RSMC) was launched recently through a grant by USG Corporation, a leading building products manufacturer. RSMC is an industrywide coalition formed to communicate accurate information to both the construction industry and homeowners about how to control moisture, and thereby control mold, in commercial and residential construction.

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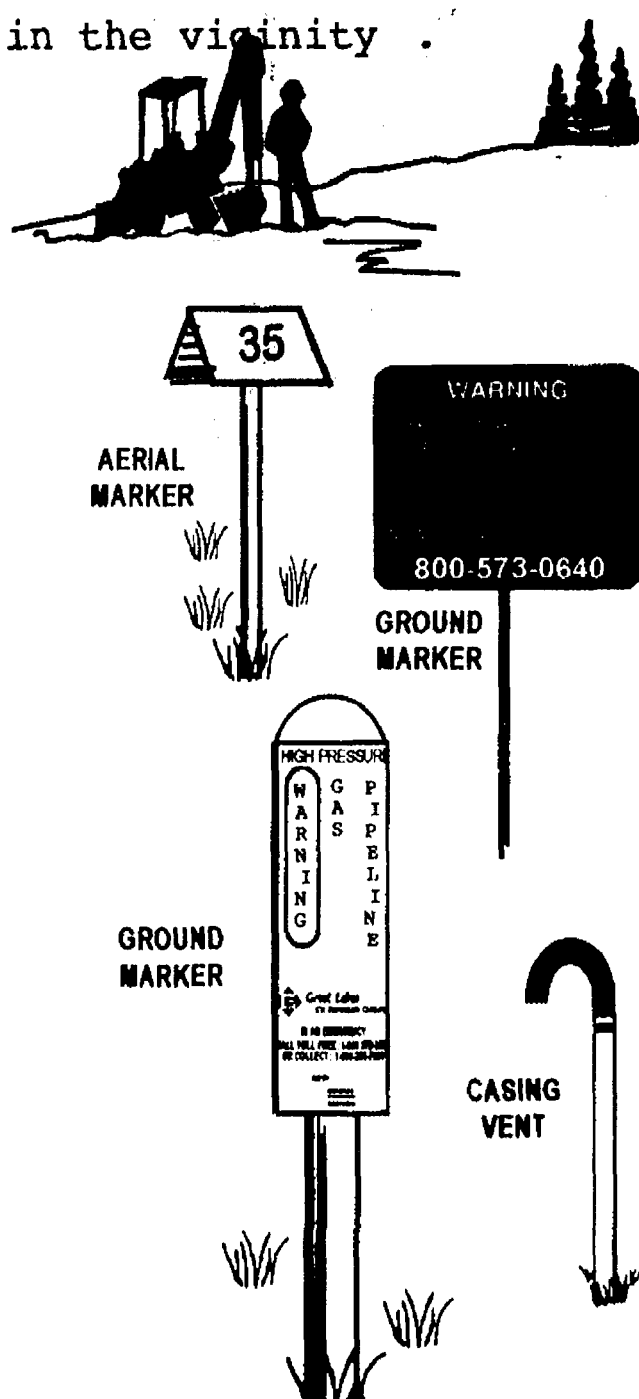
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Fall: The Best Time To Rejuvenate Your Lawn

(HIT) – Horticultural experts generally agree that proper lawn care in the fall has greater impact than similar efforts in the spring or any other season for rejuvenating a lawn throughout the year. Fall is the season when turfgrass growth begins to slow. According to the Lawn Institute, a Chicago-based non-profit group, it is also a good time to help your grass develop the stamina it will need to survive the stress of winter and get a head start for the coming spring.

Early October is generally the right time to focus additional attention for cool-season (northern U.S.) grasses, while the latter part of the month is best for warm-season varieties found in the more southern locations.

To achieve maximum benefit for year-round results, fall lawn care requires a number of different efforts, including mowing, removal or mulching lawn debris, aerating, fertilizing and watering. The sequence of these efforts is as important as how they are performed.

Mowing

In addition to the immediate beauty of a freshly cut lawn, mowing in accordance with the following guidelines can help generate and maintain healthier turfgrass plants.

- Make sure the mower blade is sharp – the ragged cut made by a dull blade tends to shred the grass blade tips, exposing a larger surface area to disease, pest and water loss.

- Set the proper cutting height – the higher cutting height used during the summer (when the photosynthetic processes in the leaf tissues are at their peak) should have progressed to a lower cutting height late in the fall when the plant begins to store food reserves. The lower cutting height, without scalping, helps harden and strengthen the plants' roots and crown with increased nutrients that would otherwise have been used by longer grass blades.

- Lawn debris – Up to one inch of leaves can be mulched to serve as a protective cover during the coming cold season. However, clumps or large leaves, such as often accumulate in low spots, could trap dampness and become a breeding spot for diseases and pests. If in doubt, remove the debris with a mulching mower and dump it the compost bin for recycling into nutrient-rich soil

for future garden use.

Aerating The Soil

After a year of a being trampled upon by various activities that tend to pack the soil, the grass roots need a breath of fresh air (oxygen) for respiration that only proper aeration can provide. This helps the root systems better establish themselves for the coming winter. Aeration should take place approximately two weeks before applying the year's final fertilizer, or five to six weeks before the first frost.

The most effective aerator has hollow tines that penetrate the ground and remove core plugs of soil that are expelled as each successive plug is removed, leaving a vent for true aeration. Although a freshly aerated lawn appears a bit unsightly with numerous plugs laying all over it, they will eventually dissolve, returning nutrients to the soil for use by the grass.

The unsightly appearance can be reduced and the plug dissolving process speeded up by mowing with a low-cutting blade. Be sure to remove the grass clipping bag and then mow the entire lawn in a left-to-right pattern, followed by an up-and-down pattern to assure even break-up and spreading of the aeration plugs. After mowing, watering the lawn further helps dissolve the aeration plugs.

Fertilizing/Weed Control

The fall application of a weed-and-feed type fertilizer provides longer lasting benefits to a lawn than that of any other time of the year, according to the Lawn Institute. Fertilizer should be timed about one

month before the first frost. It is very important to read, understand and follow instructions on the fertilizer label. The following information should take the mystery out of how much and which type to fertilizer to buy, and how to apply it efficiently.

- How much – The fertilizer bag label advises how many square feet the product will cover. Any portion not used will be just as effective next year, if stored in a dry area.

- Which type – Any reputable lawn and garden retailer will be able to recommend the best fertilizer mixture for a particular time of the year. In the fall, turfgrass needs less nitrogen (N) but higher ratios of phosphorus (P) and potassium (K) to encourage root growth and harden the grass plants for the coming Winter.

- Proper application – To assure uniform coverage with either a broadcast spreader or a drop spreader, follow these simple steps:

1. Adjust the spreader application dial to one-half of the fertilizer bag's recommended setting and make the first application in an up-and-down pattern, covering the entire lawn.

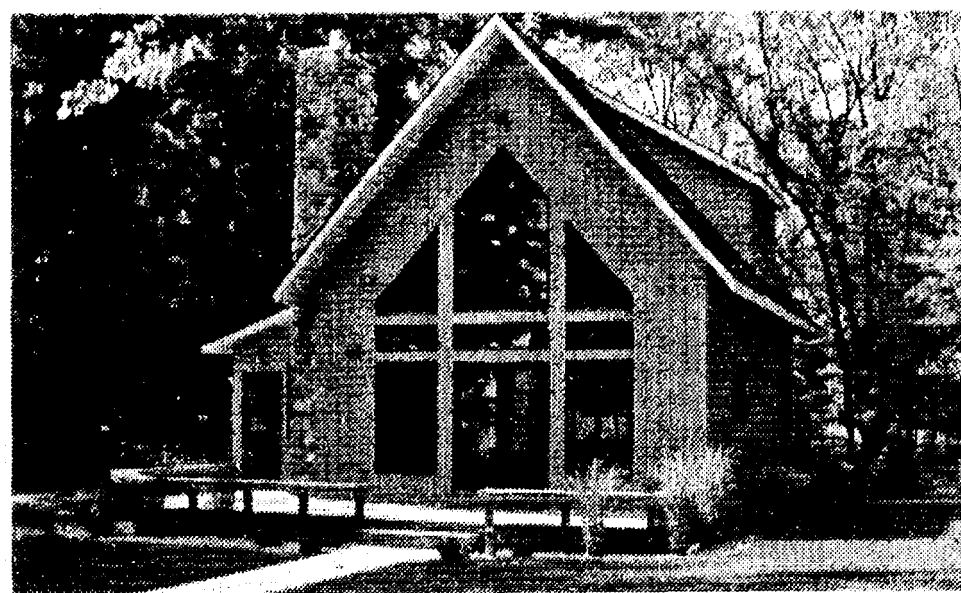
2. Begin the second application immediately, in a left-to-right pattern, and continue over the entire lawn. (HINT: Use two small flags to mark the beginning and end of each row as you apply the fertilizer—small, brightly colored flags with stiff wire shafts work best.)

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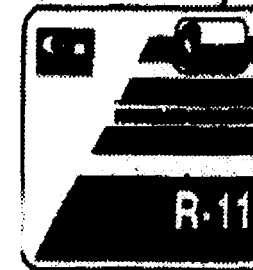
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Landscaping For Energy Savings

(HIT) – With consumers looking for effective ways to take control of their energy costs, an often over-looked opportunity can be found in landscaping. According to Edison Electric Institute, energy-efficient landscaping can also help to make a home more comfortable and attractive. Using energy efficiently also helps the environment. Consumers should check with their local nursery for ideas

that can work best for their area.

In Northern Regions:

- Plant deciduous trees (those which lose their leaves in winter) on the south and west sides of the house. In the winter, the now bare trees will allow free solar heating. In the summer, the tree foliage will offer cooling shade.
- Plant evergreen trees on the north side of the house to cut exposure to cold winds during the winter months.

In Southern Regions:

- Plant evergreen trees on the south and west side of the house to create shade.
- Use grass or other ground

cover around your home instead of paving material. The ground cover won't absorb or reflect heat helping to keep the house cooler.

In All Regions:

- Plant shrubbery close to the house. This will act as another layer of insulation for your home.
- Consider mounting vine-covered trellises on exterior walls. These will insulate a home against hot summer sun and cold winter winds.

And finally, check with your electric company to learn ways to save energy inside your home.



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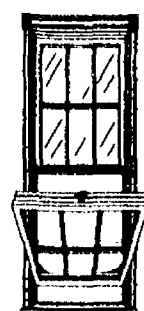
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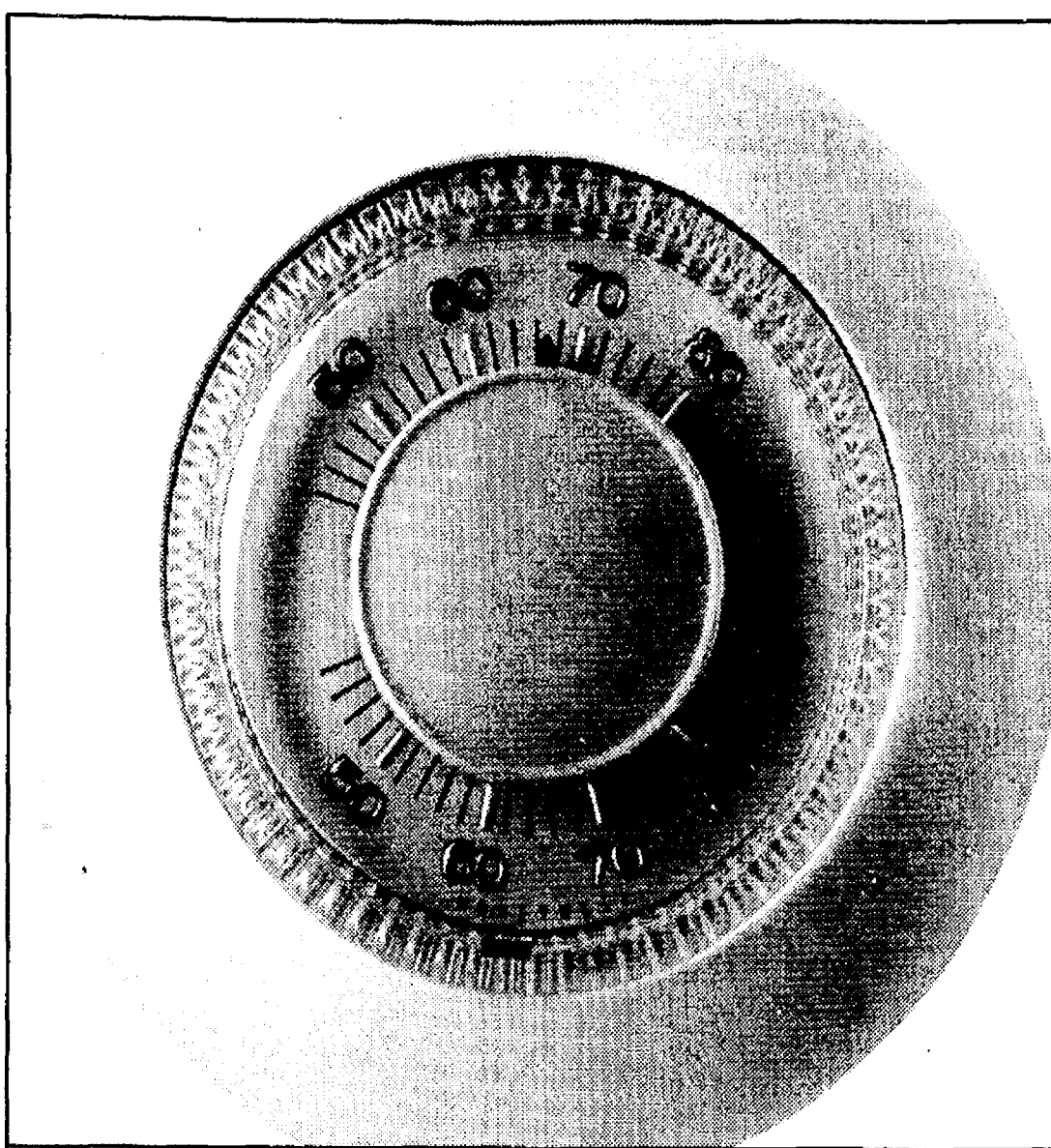
Easy Ways to Save Energy in the Home

(NewsUSA) — The average American family will spend more than \$2,000 on home utility bills this year, according to the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy.

"Energy savings is on everyone's mind," says Beau Parker, vice president of marketing at Hunter Fan Co. "With the inflation of gasoline and electricity prices, consumers are seeking energy-efficient measures to help control the rising energy costs." The Department of Energy estimates that as much as 45 percent of home energy usage is dedicated to heating and cooling.

Here are some ways to save on energy bills now:

- Use ceiling fans to supplement air conditioning and heating. Ceiling fans help lower winter heating costs when run in a clockwise, or updraft, direction. The hot air trapped at ceiling level is recirculated, allowing more even, comfortable heating while reducing winter bills by up to 10 percent.
- Clean or replace dirty furnace filters monthly. Dirty filters block airflow through heating and cooling systems, increasing costs and shortening the equipment's life span.
- Lower the thermostat on your water heater to a warm setting of 120 F. Almost 15 percent of average energy bills go toward heating water. Also, use an insulation blanket, which will hold heat inside the tank longer.
- Unplug or switch devices off when not in use, including cell phone chargers and computers.



Install a programmable thermostat to automatically control heating and air conditioning, allowing energy savings while sleeping or away from home.

Nationally, the Alliance to Save Energy estimates that 5 percent of energy is used by such devices, costing consumers more than \$8 billion annually.

To benefit from long-term efficiency, try these tips:

- Install a programmable thermostat to automatically control heating and air conditioning, allowing energy savings while sleeping or away from home. A thermostat adjusted 10 degrees for eight hours will save approximately 10 percent on utility bills. Hunter offers digital programmable thermostats that are Energy Star-compliant and pre-programmed to Energy Star standards.
- Get a professional home

energy audit to thoroughly assess how much energy your home consumes and highlight problems that, when corrected, may save significant amounts of money and energy over time. Contact state or local energy offices for recommendations on qualified auditors.

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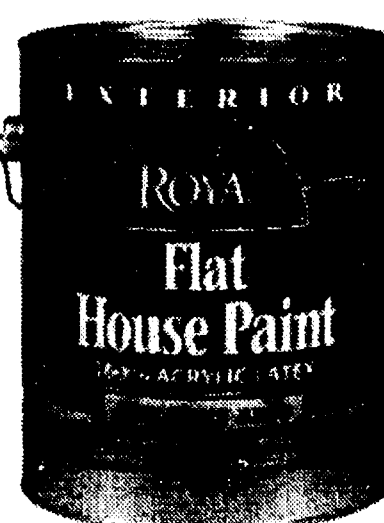
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Using Tile with Style: Bringing Tile Out of the Bathroom and Kitchen

(ARA) — When you think of tile, does your design sense go immediately to the bath or kitchen? Yes, it is a perfect material for use in those rooms — but what about the living room, dining room, bedroom, mudroom, patio or garage?

Ceramic tiles are a savvy way to add color and style to your home. Tile has inherent properties that make it suitable for many applications. Tile is made of 100 percent plentiful and natural raw materials — earth, water and fire — making it an eco-friendly material. Ceramic tile is chemically inert; fungus, mold and mildew won't grow on tile. When you do see mold or mildew, it is on the grout because an organic residue is present for it to feed on. Tile needs only to be cleaned with hot water, no harsh soaps are necessary. Tile does not collect dust so allergy sufferers can breathe easy. Glazed tile is impervious, meaning that it will not stain.

Tile can help regulate a home's temperature. For the cold climate, ceramic tile is an excellent heat conductor which maintains its temperature when used with radiant heating systems. Conversely, tile's natural cooling properties make ceramic a superior choice in hot climates.

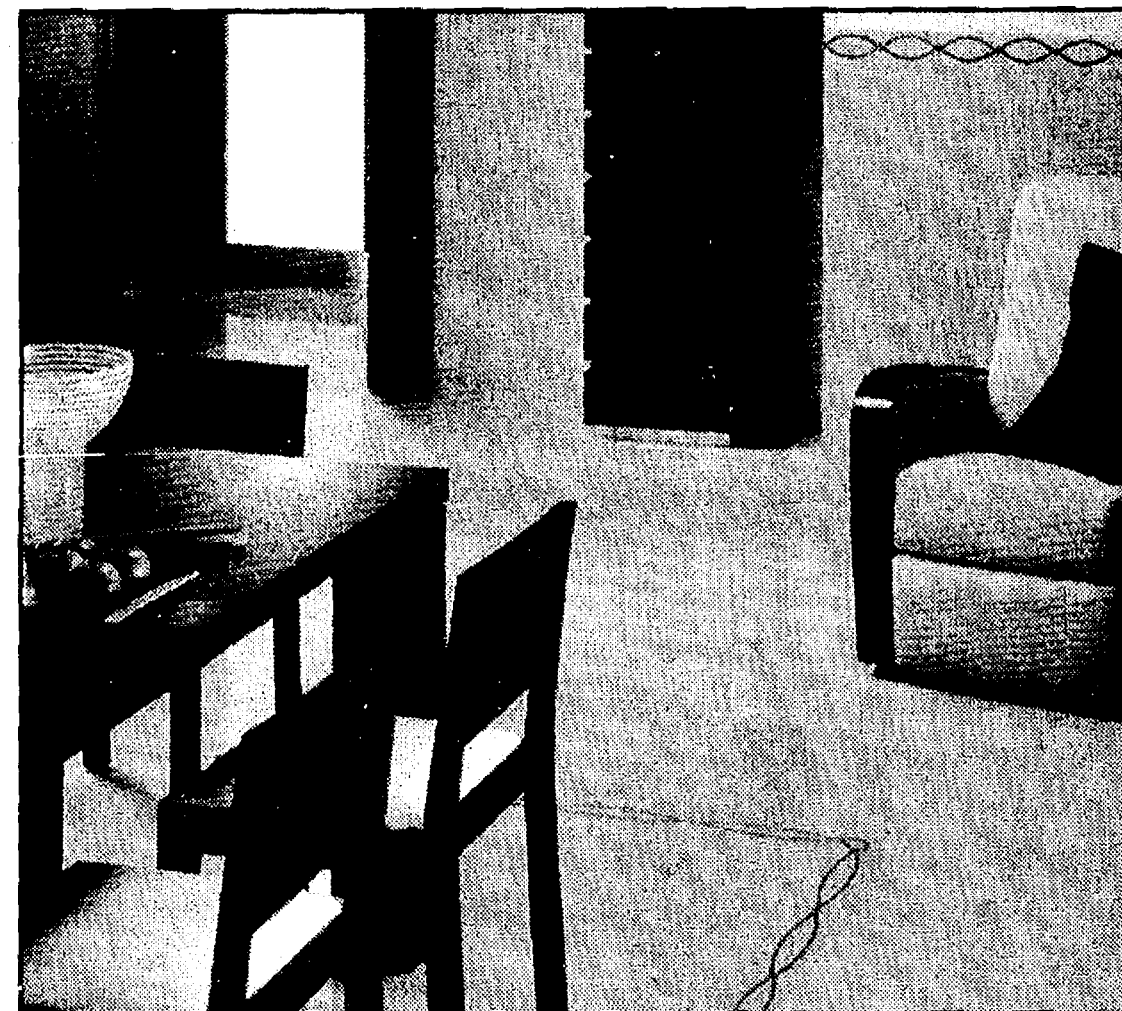
While the technical properties of tile are very important, for some it's all about the style. Tile of Spain branded manufacturers are especially sensitive to this. Using their designers' sense of style, they have produced tiles in a myriad of colors, textures, patterns and sizes so that your imagination can soar.

In the living room or dining room, consider a wainscot of tile. Tile never has to be painted, it can withstand hard knocks from chairs, it is hygienic and easy to clean. For a more formal style, Natucer offers a tile with the look of brocade.

Tile is an especially good choice for a child's room. Spills won't stain. It's allergen free. And toy cars and buggies roll very smoothly over it. When writing on the walls becomes an issue, tile cleans very easily and won't need to be re-painted. It will also grow up with your child. Choose a basic color and when your teenager wants to decorate the room, a few area rugs make a



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Want wood in a mudroom, but are concerned with water damage? Consider wood-inspired ceramic tile. Glazed tile will not absorb water, making it perfect for areas prone to moisture as it will not warp or discolor. Spanish tile manufacturers such as Porcelanosa have developed ceramic tile that resembles real wood so closely, you may have to touch it to believe it. Close attention to color variations and texturing give these tiles the feeling of real wood. They are produced in the same sizes as real wood planks and are available in domestic as well as exotic wood looks.

Outdoor living spaces are all the rage. So make yours something extra special — add decorative tile. Choose an all-over scheme or strategically place decorative tile in a field of solid tile or inset them in concrete. If your outdoor space has a few different areas, such as a kitchen and seating area, design a tile area rug for each space to help set it apart and make it more special. Versatile and Rosa Gres, both Spanish tile

manufacturers, produce tile especially for the outdoors. These tiles have special technical properties such as low water absorption to prevent freezing and anti-slip glazes. Consult a tile expert to help determine which tile is appropriate for your application.

Do oil stains drive you crazy on your garage floor? Some ceramic tile is rated to be able to withstand the weight of a car. Why ceramic in the garage? Ease of clean up. Glazed tile will not absorb stains and oil will wipe right off. The trick is to choose a dark grout with your tile. Apavisa, a Spanish tile manufacturer, offers a tile suitable for a garage.

Whether your style is conservative or contemporary, Tile of Spain branded manufacturers have created a tile style for your home. Think out of the box when it comes to tile. Try tile in a room other than the kitchen or bath — you'll be hooked on the benefits and the style!

For more information about tile from Spain, visit www.spaintiles.info or call (305) 446-4387.

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